

## Board Meeting Minutes

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**17 November, 2019 12:45pm to 2:45pm**

### I. Check In (12:45pm - 12:55pm)

- A. Chalice Lighting: [Perhaps that's the clue about the happiness inherent in caring connections. The frightened "I" who struggles is replaced by the "we" who do this difficult life together, looking after one other. Holding hands.](#)
- B. [Covenant](#) Review
- C. Check-in/Attendance
  - 1. Present: Eddie Bailey, Sandy Blanz, Rev. Cynthia Cain, Jennie Gemignani, Susan Menking, Nathanael Reveal, Caren Spencer-Smith, Theresa Tarkington-Kersey
- D. Check-in Question (From Appreciative Inquiry): What do you think is the core value of your church? What is it that, if it did not exist, would make your church totally different than it currently is?
  - 1. Love. Kindness. Commitment to Justice. Connected to others. Lunch. Involvement. Radical Preemptive Hospitality.

### II. Consent Agenda (12:55pm - 1:00pm)

- A. Items
  - 1. Financial Documents
    - a) [Current Statement of Financial Position](#)
    - b) [Current Budget vs Actuals Statement](#)
  - 2. Governance Documents
    - a) [2019-2020 Board Calendar](#)
  - 3. [October Minutes](#)
  - 4. Authorization for Dave Pederson's GNUUC Credit Card.
- B. Approved
  - 1. Consent agenda approved.

### **III. Discussion Agenda (1:00pm - 2:00pm)**

- A. Process Question: Require Written Feedback? Discuss, evaluate, and incorporate congregational feedback on the [Draft Public Statement Policy](#).
- B. We received feedback from 6 members of the congregation.
- C. Feedback was discussed and the Public Statement Policy will be revised in light of the feedback.

### **IV. Governance Improvement (2:00pm - 2:25pm)**

- A. Rev. Cynthia Cain provided a brief introduction to Appreciative Inquiry.
- B. Board members shared thoughts on the [Appreciative Inquiry Interview of Congregations](#).
- C. Additional documents Additional Background on Appreciative Inquiry were distributed:
  - 1. [Quick Facts for Appreciative Inquiry](#)
  - 2. [Longer Discussion of Appreciative Inquiry](#)
  - 3. <http://www.clergyleadership.com/appreciative-inquiry-resources/AI-model-org.pdf>

### **V. Action Items for the Board (2:25pm - 2:35pm)**

### **VI. Check Out (2:35pm - 2:45pm)**

### **VII. Board Huddle (2:20pm - 2:45pm)**