

NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP

2023 – 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND COMMITTEES

Board of Directors

Co-President Jana Mirs (2022-2024)

Co-President Joan Hauer (2023-2025)

Secretary Bob Hanson (2022-2024)

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STANDING COMMITTEES: These committees were created by the Bylaws of the Fellowship

Finance Committee: This committee aids the Treasurer in monitoring income, expenses, cash flow and financial recordkeeping, makes recommendations on investments and payments of long term debts, directs the annual budget process, sends periodic pledge statements to members and oversees the annual canvass.

Chair-Don Roberts, Alan Van Raalte, Treasurer Barb Beutler, Pam Thul Immler

Spirituality (Program) Committee: This committee facilitates Sunday programming including both Fellowship and outside presentations; serves as a resource for program ideas and formats; selects and arranges dates for visiting ministers/speakers; arranges seating, recording of the service and supplies items needed for the Sunday programs; coordinates payment of the speakers with the Treasurer; publicizes the programs; and arranges housing for visiting speakers. A sub-committee develops the musical portion of services. It is responsible for the tuning and repair of both keyboards and the purchase of needed music and hymnals.

Chair-Nancy Johnson, Patty Buehler, Mary Beth O'Halloran, Bob Hanson, Alan Van Raalte, Sharon Van Raalte, Barb Beutler, Joan Hauer. Music Sub-Committee: Patty Buehler, Mary Beth O'Halloran, Bob Hanson

Religious Education Committee: This committee facilitates alternate Sunday programming for adults attuned to the needs of attending members. It creates and manages any needed programs for children of the Fellowship designed to develop their own spiritual beliefs and ethics. In addition, it recruits teachers, adopts curricula, budgets, orders supplies and equipment for classrooms, plus coordinates child care for religious services.

Chair- Barb Beutler, Candy Sorenson

Membership Committee: This committee welcomes newcomers and visitors, providing them with information on the Fellowship and Unitarian-Universalism. It provides new member orientation, maintains the stock of literature and nametags, the Visitors' log, and Fellowship Members' book. It is responsible for maintaining the Members, Associate Members and Friends list. It arranges for volunteer greeters at Sunday services. It produces the Fellowship newsletter, disseminates news and announcements, provides local media with timely articles

about the Fellowship and its activities, and manages the Fellowship website.

Chair-Barb Kane, Cheryl Hanson, Candy Sorenson, Pam Thul Immler

Social Justice Committee: This committee provides leadership in expressing liberal religious ethics. It promotes community action on social issues. It supports the principles, purposes and resolutions of Unitarian-Universalism by making information available to the Fellowship and surrounding community about social justice issues. The committee further encourages social action at local, state, national and international levels.

Chair-Nancy Johnson, Cheryl Hanson, Ginny Metzdorf, Connie LeFebvre, Randy Wendt, Joan Hauer

COMMITTEES CREATED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Building and Grounds Committee: This committee oversees the basic upkeep and repair of the Fellowship building and exterior property including landscaping, snow plowing, cleaning, painting and equipment repairs.

Chair-Bill Kane, Ann Sorenson, Walt Jones

Aesthetics and Gifts Committee: This committee provides coordination and/or facilitation of all changes that affect the appearance and ambience of the building and its grounds. Its primary goals are to create a welcoming, comfortable and safe environment, collaborate on any material changes with the Building and Grounds Committee and the Board when needed, and receive and archive material gifts.

Chair- Jana Mirs, Toni Lieppert Polfus, Celeste Gonder, Pam Thul Immler

Care Committee: This committee provides support and comfort to members during times of bereavement, when ill or disabled, and, as appropriate, alerts the Fellowship to other services that might be needed and arranges for them to be performed.

Co-Chair- Joan Hauer, Co-Chair-Toni Lieppert Polfus, Mary Ann Fields, Mary Beth O'Halloran, Cheryl Hanson, Connie LeFebvre

Hospitality Committee: This committee is responsible for Sunday coffee hour, volunteer host signups, coordination of potluck and other meal events. It initiates and arranges for indoor and outdoor social activities as well as collaborative activities within the Fellowship and community.

Chair- Constance Downey, Candy Sorenson, Joan Hauer

Memorial Garden Committee: This committee is responsible for everything within the northern third of Fellowship property that houses the Garden. It develops landscaping, prepares a budget, coordinates arrangements for and installs plaques, maintains records of the memorials, and manages all activities within the Garden.

Chair- Bob Hanson, Kate Rahimzadeh, Bill Kane

COMMITTEES CREATED BY CONGREGATIONAL VOTE

Endowment Funds Committee: This committee makes recommendations for the expenditure of endowment funds in accordance with guidelines approved by the congregation at the annual meeting or special congregational meeting. This committee shall consist of three elected members serving staggered three-year terms. One Co-president and Treasurer shall serve as voting ex-officio members. They select their own chair.

Chair-Mel Hoff (2023-2026), Don Roberts (2021-2024), Treasurer Barb Beutler (2022-2025), Co-President Joan Hauer

Investment Committee: This committee is responsible for the safekeeping, investment and re-investment of all endowment funds. Its authority is specifically set out in Article X of the Fellowship Bylaws. This committee shall consist of three members selected by the Board serving staggered three-year terms and two voting ex-officio members, the Treasurer and Finance Committee Chair.

Chair-Mel Hoff (2023-2026), Finance Committee Chair Don Roberts, Treasurer Barb Beutler, Kate Rahimzadeh (2021-2024), Randy Wendt (2022-2025)

Nominating Committee: This committee of three members is selected by the Annual Meeting and is responsible for finding and recommending candidates for Board and certain committee positions at the following year's Annual Meeting.

2023-2024 Members- Patty Buehler, Connie LeFebvre, Barb Kane

Approved by the Board of Directors on July 31, 2023