

PUUF Board of Trustees

August 6, 2023

Call to Order & Lighting of the Chalice: 10:01 AM

Attendees: Terri Daniels, Naomi Fisher, Dave Ambrose, Laura Gordon, Frank Erickson, Tina Marineau, Becky Thormalen, Arline LaMear, Steve Thompson, Bunny Keterman, Reverend Mira Kepler (via Zoom).

Minutes from July 2, 2023 Board meeting: motion to approve from Frank, seconded by Becky, approved. Minutes from emergency Board meetings 7/16/2023 and 7/17/2023 were approved previously by unanimous email vote.

Welcome to Reverend Mira: Welcoming remarks from Terri and other Board members to Mira.

Treasurer's Report: Dave reported total current monetary assets are \$87,287.02 in checking, savings and CD. As reflected in the attached actual to budgeted spending chart, we are on target, with income greater than predicted, and those expenses that are over the predicted percentage for this point in the year are generally cases of lump sum payments, such as for dues and internet.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Technology: The PUUF Connections email is still active and monitored by Naomi. She will continue to do so until the Board redefines/reconstitutes that committee at a later meeting.

Sunday Service Committee: Services are scheduled through 10/8/2023, with a few additional ones later in the year. Reverend Mira will preach on the second Sunday of each month, with the exception of September and October, and potlucks will be on the Sundays that she preaches. The 7 UU values will be the themes for each month, October through May (with the exception of December). Those themes will be reflected, as best as possible, in the sermons/messages, but also be listed on the website, newsletter and OOS each month. An Intern minister from First Unitarian Portland should be available for one or two services.

Membership Committee: Dave and Naomi report there is a draft membership directory which is being circulated in the membership to correct any errors. The PUUF Connections list is current and will be labeled "2023-2024" noting the old link may be accessible.

Hospitality: Recently, only the committee members have been bringing food, which may just be the "summer mode". There will be a push in the fall to ask members to bring shelf-stable food, as well as what other food they may wish to bring, whenever they would like without assigning a specific week. This should mean that something is always available. There was also a suggestion to acknowledge who donates food with a card reading something like "donated by member so-and-so".

RE: There was an email notification from a mother with a 8 yo child who is interested in being a new member but who wanted to know about RE. She should be here today.

CUUPS: Tina reports Samhain will be their next service. They also plan to give services for Imbolc and Beltane.

Sextons: Arline reports August is covered.

Strategic Planning Committee: Becky and Naomi report that with Terri and Karen Webb, they have performed a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and identified 6 priorities, 2 with action plans. The next step is to meet with Reverend Mira to create a pathway for PUUF to meet its goals.

NEW BUSINESS

Transparency and Information Access: It is asked that committee leads will send a paragraph about their activities/needs/etc the day before the monthly board meeting to the President, but also to Tina and Laura to be posted on the webpage and, if appropriate, in the newsletter. Laura will create a calendar of “coming attractions” (upcoming events, etc) to display during coffee hour.

Right Relations Committee: Tina presented a first draft of their work, and there was discussion clarifying that the fellowship will need to create the Covenant, and the board will need to create the Policy. A disruptive behavior policy has already been voted into place, but because it was put together urgently, the committee will revise it somewhat (change “church” to “fellowship”, make the minister’s role proportional to a part time role, etc). There was discussion on how to deal with those “out of covenant” and specifics about expulsion and appeal after expulsion. It was agreed that in general, the board can set the conditions for appeal and return. In creating the covenant, the committee plans to start with core relevant UU values and build on that, taking the CUUPS covenant as inspiration and with guidance from Reverend Mira. It was proposed that Reverend Mira preach about Covenant and Right Relations, and the Committee present a draft Covenant at the same Sunday, probably in October. The fellowship can then consider, and perhaps edit, the draft to be voted on by the fellowship a week or two later. Due to lack of time, there will be additional discussion later. Terri recommended that the committee members attend the on-line UUA class on Right Relations. It was moved by Becky, and seconded by Laura, that Tina, Bunny and Steve attend the course, budgeted as Leadership Development, and that PUUF pay the \$30 fee each. The motion passed.

Social Justice Action: Consideration has been given to forming a Social Justice Committee, but given PUUF’s small membership, there isn’t the depth. It was proposed that we keep the fellowship informed of PUUF actions (LiFEBoat, Q Center, Food Bank). Laura will serve as a hub to publicize other opportunities that are linked to UU such as UU Voices for Justice, UU the Vote, the 2023 Actions for Immediate Witness (AIWs) etc, and Arline will monitor opportunities locally. Any member of the fellowship who wishes to ask for PUUF to contribute (either by action or with donations) should go through Laura in a “hub and spokes” model. PUUF support should not be promised without official approval.

Fund Raising: tabled due to lack of time.

Adjourned: 11:37 AM