

**PUUF Board of Trustees
December 3, 2023 Meeting
Fellowship Hall**

Call to Order and chalice lighting: 10:05 AM

Attendees: Terri Daniels, Becky Thormalen, Dave Ambrose, Steve Petersen, Tina Martineau, Laura Gordon, Frank Erickson, Adriana Guerrero, Arline LaMear, Rev Mira Kepler (via Zoom).

Minutes:

From November 4, 2023 Board meeting-motion to approve Becky, seconded Laura, no discussion, approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The report of contributed income includes pass-throughs of the plate collection on 11/26/23 of \$223 for UUSC, and a \$75 check to PUUF intended to go to FPCA for the dishwasher fund-raiser. Our insurance policy is being reviewed by a knowledgeable fellowship member. The premium is due in February, so any proposed changes to the policy can be presented to the January meeting.

New Business:

Family Giving for December: Consejo Hispano has details on families in need. which will be available tomorrow. Arline, Adriana, Veja and Rissa will shop for the families. Donations will be solicited starting today and through next Sunday.

UU 101: Reverend Mira will conduct the instruction for new members on 12/10/23, 9:45-11:30 AM with refreshments provided. All are invited if they want a refresher or to meet the new prospective members.

New Member Induction: Covenanting with new members will occur during the Sunday service on 1/7/24 with wording as for the previous induction last year during the Flower Celebration included as an insert on the OOS.

Chinook Rent: Arline has written to the President and VP of the Chinook Indian Nation, but no reply. Their website does solicit donations. Therefore, the board is comfortable with donating. \$18.51 will be donated monthly (recognizing the Tansy Point Treaty date) starting in January 2024. Arline will write a letter to accompany the first donation, vetted by Rev Mira, explaining what we are doing as an act of allyship and as recognition that we are on their land (and owe a land tax/rent). There can be informal discussion of our actions with others in the community who might be in a position to do something similar, encouraging such action, but there will be no other publicity or campaigning without the permission of the Chinook Indian Nation. There was a motion from Frank, seconded by Laura for expenditure of the monthly donation amount of \$18.51 to the Chinook Indian Nation. Approved unanimously.

Another Congregational contact by KT: Despite having blocked KT on her phone, a fellowship member was approached by KT through a third party, asking if she could come to the drum circle. The activity is clearly labeled CUUPS and PUUF, but the newsletter stated "all are welcome". Discussion included that contact through a third party is still unwelcome contact, but that it is beyond the ability for the board to take action for something that many degrees of separation from the fellowship. It was proposed that the board respond with a letter to KT clarifying that no contact means including contact through a third party. This was countered by the observation that KT wants our attention, and will keep scratching at the windows if it gets a

response. so the best action is to ignore her. The board then voted on whether there should be no response- Yes (no response): Becky, Dave, Frank, Laura. No (respond with a letter): Tina, Terri. Abstain: Steve. There will be no response to KT, but there will be support to the fellowship member effected, and continued documentation of these events for if/when KT petitions for reinstatement.

Committee Reports:

Technology-Frank reports an external drive was donated for use archiving videos of sermons.

Sunday Service-Arlene and Laura report that one of the Sermon of a Month services will be used 12/17/23. With Rev Mira out in January, two services will have costs. Josh from Helping Hands will speak (which means a donation) and Danielle Garret from First U will return (also requiring payment). During February, Rev Mira thinks she will be able to do a service, but if not, she has asked colleagues if one can be on standby to fill in on short notice. At that point, we will be close to exceeding the budget for the committee. The committee also discussed our land acknowledgement and whether we can do something more than just acknowledge. If we talk more about action, there is less time for drumming. Should we have drumming every week? Further discussion was tabled so a committee can be formed (including Indigenous members) re: "Going Beyond Land Acknowledgement"

Membership-See new business.

Hospitality-Nothing to report.

RE- Adriana reports she is using the new curriculum which is nature focused. She is looking at UUA sources for December holiday curriculum. The next Game Night is also a fund raiser for the Q Center. She will begin discussion about Pride week beginning in January.

CUUPS-Nothing to report.

Right Relations-Steve will talk to the third party and the effected fellowship member regarding KT.

Strategic Planning: Becky presented the SWOT assessment from the committee for board review, and asks board members that they review, add to, remove and update as they think best and return it to Naomi by 12/17/23. Creating a covenant was discussed. Strategic Planning will work with Right Relations and Rev Mira. There was no time for further discussion today.

Adjourned: 11:29 AM

PUUF BOT email vote 12/20/23

On 12/20/23 President Terri Daniels emailed all board members with the following request from organizers of the Christmas Family Committee:

The Christmas Family Committee is \$100 short. Please vote YES or NO for extending funding. Laura Gordon amended the vote to include that we solicit for additional funds, earmarked by the donors for the Christmas families (using the envelopes like in previous weeks), from the fellowship during the collection on 12/24/23, and return that amount to PUUF to repay as much of the \$100 shortfall as collected.

As amended, all board members voted yes.