

**PUUF Board of Trustees
February 4, 2024 Meeting
Fellowship Hall**

Call to Order and chalice lighting: 10:02 AM

Attendees: Terri Daniels, Dave Ambrose, Steve Petersen, Tina Martineau, Laura Gordon, Frank Erickson, Susan Olson, Arline LaMear.

Minutes:

Motion to approve minutes from January 7, 2024 Board meeting made by Steve, seconded by Dave, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Our insurance policy was revised to have a \$500 deductible for property damage, which lowered the premium by \$279 per year. If there are no losses for two years (there have never been any claims), the lowered cost of insurance will pay for the higher deductible. There are grants available from UUA and one to help with costs of a new intern or minister for \$5000 could apply to us. It is due by 3/1/24. Terri will see who might be able to write a grant proposal. The Board acknowledges that we will end up spending more than was budgeted for speakers this year, so the amount will need to be reconsidered for next year's budget. Also, should donations to charitable organizations who provide speakers be categorized separately from the speakers budget? Deficit spending for speakers is authorized. Dave also mentioned that Bob Webb has moved from the area, so he is seeking a new "intern" treasurer as to back him up.

New Business:

Reverend Mira Leave: She delivered a healthy boy the end of January. She will remain on parental leave through February. Ian will also be on leave and will not provide meditation sessions through February.

Lease Renewal: First Presbyterian Church (FPCA) Sessions Committee apparently is still awaiting some information, so negotiations have not started. Dave, Terri and Laura J will negotiate for PUUF. PUUF negotiators met with the dance company and clarified that adults can walk on the mats, but should take their shoes off. The mirrors can be moved as needed but they ask the mats not be moved. Dave will inquire as to whether the church for sale across the street could be rented, just to have another option going into the negotiations with FPCA.

Chinook Rent: Still no reply to the letter sent by Arline in January with the first monthly donation amount of \$18.51 to the Chinook Indian Nation. Dave will check to see if the check has cleared. Tina will message from the PUUF FaceBook page to the Chinook Nation FB page in an attempt to communicate and find out if they are comfortable with the donation and the symbolism of the amount. The donations will continue unless the Chinook Nation requests otherwise.

Google Voice will turn off in March. It is not being used.

Committee Reports:

Technology-Web archives (YouTube videos of sermons) are up to date.

Sunday Service-Due to the ice storm, the January 14 service on systemic racism was canceled and rescheduled to February. Since February is Black History Month, the service on

reparations for Black Americans is scheduled for the week after. Rev Patti Pomerantz will cover for Rev Mira for her February date. There was discussion for and against services in the summer, with the consensus being that we try to do less formal services (no printed OOS, maybe no music, more discussion and picnics) but continue to have services. The Sunday Service Committee will look at the options and present a plan for the next BOT meeting. We realize we do not have a contract, only a handshake deal with Jennifer Goodenberger, so a contract with her should also be part of that discussion.

Membership-There are 8 new members but not all have sent pledges. A rough calculation based on our budget with 40-something members suggests each member costs the fellowship \$20-25 per week. When presenting the pledge forms this year, this calculation (updated with 2024 numbers) should be mentioned (in addition to the percentage of income tithing chart printed on the form).

Hospitality-No report.

RE- By email, Adriana reports the curriculum she is using is based on the world religious holiday calendar and the 8 UU values. Game nights have been well attended.

CUUPS-Tina replied to a FB post for Long Beach Peninsula inquiring about Pagan groups and received 5 replies who were invited to today's Imbolc ritual.

Right Relations-Steve reports committee members continue doing the training. The email questionnaire to leadership about our current status regarding right relations was just sent out today. He asks that board members reply to him and he will correlate the responses.

Strategic Planning: Nothing new with the next meeting tomorrow.

Adjourned: 11:11 AM

Addendum:

Cascadia Growth Fund Grant - PUUF is applying for a \$5000 grant from Cascadia, whose mission is to support the vitality of Unitarian Universalist congregations and fellowships in Alaska, British Columbia, Washington, Oregon, and parts of Idaho. The grant is requested to support our new minister. The grant proposal wording was approved unanimously by the board via email vote on February 22, 2024 and submitted by Board President Terri Daniels before the application deadline.