

**PUUF Board of Trustees
March 3, 2024 Meeting
Fellowship Hall**

Call to Order and chalice lighting: 10:01 AM

Attendees: In person: Dave Ambrose, Steve Petersen, Laura Gordon, Frank Erickson, Susan Olson, Arline LaMear. Via Zoom: Terri Daniels, Becky Thormalen, Rev Mira Kepler. Absent: Tina Martineau (excused absence).

Minutes:

February 4, 2024 Board meeting minutes approved unanimously by email previously. An addendum regarding the grant proposal to Cascadia Growth Fund was previously approved by unanimous email vote 2/22/24.

Treasurer's Report: Reverend Mira has been on half pay for January and February during parental leave. Total income is as budgeted. We will be over budget for speakers.

Committee Reports:

Technology-Nothing to report.

Sunday Service-Meredith has resigned from the committee, but will be lay leader for the next music service. Music for choir participation through June has been selected. Rev Mira agrees to do the Flower Ceremony the first Sunday in June so the second Sunday can be the Pride service. The committee will make summer services less formal, but still in the Sanctuary (except for CUUPS) relying on sermons-of-the-month, with perhaps less music, and not publishing an OOS. There will two picnics, one in July and one in August, and Rev Mira will continue to preach once a month. The board agrees that the Earth Day service (4/21/24) will be road clean-up at the Grange. Dave will confirm with the Grange.

Membership-Nothing new to report.

Hospitality-No report.

RE- No report.

CUUPS-Tina sent an earlier email reporting that new interest in CUUPS is coming through FaceBook. CUUPS is planning their Eostre/Spring Equinox ritual for the 3/24, location TBD, after the regular service.

Right Relations-Steve reports committee members continue doing the training and are meeting regularly to discuss it. Rev Mira would like to join the next meeting to check in.

New Business:

Lease Renewal: Nothing new to report, with First Presbyterian Church (FPCA) Sessions Committee apparently still awaiting some information. We will continue to pay our current rent.

Chinook Rent: After Tina reached out via FB messenger, the Chinook Nation has thanked us for the contribution, assured us the amount did not cause concern, and asked us to join the email list for invitations to coalition briefings with community supporters to keep us up to speed on

their petition for federal recognition and their Landback petition. Links to the petitions and the Chinook Nation website will be placed in the newsletter, and the land acknowledgement will be re-worded to reflect this ask.

Request for small group meetings to explore UU history: A newer member requested what is essentially adult education/enrichment. Laura G volunteered to work with Rev Mira to develop a program, probably weekly on Zoom, with short readings and discussions of topics on UU history and theology. Ideally, there could be different discussion leaders each week.

Meditation: Ian will resume with the group this month. There is another Zen group meeting on Tuesdays, so Ian and Dave will query the current participants to see if Monday or Wednesday evening might work better.

Rev Mira Office Hours: These will resume Tuesdays 5-6 PM, but Rev Mira will query participants if there is a better day/time. She will also invite congregants to email her to schedule individual Zoom visits, fearing the scheduling app was intimidating some people.

Delegate to GA 2024: Laura G has volunteered to be a delegate, and a second delegate can be sent. Volunteers will be solicited, but Terri volunteers is there is no other.

Sunshine Team: Becky proposed we have a sunshine committee to acknowledge important events in members lives. Responding to someone in need promotes a sense of belonging. Those with experience doing this in other organizations were concerned that while it might start off well-meaning, enthusiasm often peters out. Also, being asked to join a “committee” might be a hard ask. Perhaps a “team” could be formed to share duties month by month. The Board members will think about it further, but Arline will ask for volunteers at today’s service.

Adjourned: 11:02 AM