

PUUF Board of Trustees
May 5, 2024 Meeting
Fellowship Hall

Call to Order and chalice lighting: 10:08 AM

Attendees: In person: Terri Daniels, Becky Thormalen, Dave Ambrose, Frank Erickson, Laura Gordon, Susan Olson, Tina Martineau, Adriana Guerrero, (Steve Peterson excused). Via Zoom: Rev Mira Kepler.

Minutes:

April 7, 2024 Board meeting minutes-Dave moved and Becky seconded that they be approved as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: We have not yet received the Cascadia Grant for \$5000. Income & expenses to date this fiscal year are on target except as discussed in previous meetings. The proposed budget for 2024-35 was presented. We anticipate another grant, budgeted at \$5000. Rent and visiting speakers are increased from the previous year. UUA dues are less, based on membership numbers on the census day. The budget for RE is less, based on lower anticipated spending. Additional budget items will be added: Community Outreach/Fundraising (\$100), Technology (\$0) and Sunshine Team (\$0).

Committee Reports:

Technology-Nothing to report.

Sunday Service-A Google spreadsheet has been created for the 2024-25 Liturgical year, with the committee members and Rev Mira as editors. Tina and Adriana will be added as viewers/commentators so they have the information to keep the website and FB up to date. Summer 2024 services will be lighter, with four of them incorporating members beliefs/opinions/spiritual practices on the topics. Nothing is definitive for next year, except Rev Mira will continue on the second Sundays with potlucks, starting with the Water Ceremony. CUUPS will do the equinoxes and solstices. The committee identified several potential speakers/topics so far-Ian Kepler on Buddhism, Angela Whitlock from NCLC/Cape Falcon Marine Reserve (Laura G), and a speaker from 1st U Portland recommended by David Delk to Arline. CUUPS will want to do another "Paganism 101". Dave volunteered to do a fall service about "Helping".

Membership-No active requests, but some new people have requested the newsletter. Susan needs more to contact them. Susan would like her contact information in the newsletter for those interested in becoming a member. The Building Liaison meeting went well. It is important that Susan and/or Laura J be informed when PUUF will not be in the Sanctuary. There is a schedule board in the church office which Susan will monitor. Should we skip coffee hour 6/30 so FPCA can have their potluck after their special Scottish service, instead of waiting until 2:00?

Hospitality-No report-but kudos for all their hard work!

RE-Adriana is currently using a 7 Principals-based curriculum, but has found a "Legos ValUes" curriculum she is excited to use. Coverage for some days in the summer may be a problem when Adriana is not available. She will not be present for the 6/9 service, but Rev Mira will make it more kid-friendly and shorter, since it is also the day of the membership meeting.

There are 4-6 consistent attendees to Game Night, but sometimes many more. Adriana would like to possibly have another "Pizza in the Park with PUUF" this summer.

CUUPS-CUUPS may do the outdoor Litha service 6/23 at the Labyrinth at CMH. Rev Mira will reach out to the hospital chaplains about that use first.

Right Relations-No report.

Strategic Planning-PUUF has a covenant, but we need a mission statement. This will be deferred to the new board in July.

New Business:

Nominations for Executive Board: The Annual Membership meeting will be 6/9. The meeting agenda will include budget approval, voting for executive officers (using paper ballots), and discussion of how delegates will vote at GA regarding the Article II revision (also ask for another delegate?). Becky presents a slate of candidates for executive office today consisting of Steve Peterson for President, Kelli Mack for Vice President, Laura Gordon for Secretary and Dave Ambrose for Treasurer. Becky moved and Dave seconded that we accept the slate for submission to vote at the Membership meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Fundraising: Frank proposed we find an organist to put on a fundraising concert using FPCA's organ. A budget item is added for fundraising (although it might be possible to get a sponsor for this event). Dave will get the names of potential performers and Frank will work on it further. This should be joint with FPCA.

Sunshine Team: There is a need, but no one has stepped forward. A point person is needed. The Connections Committee email account could be reactivated and forwarded to the team member on a rotating basis, with PUUF members reporting who in the fellowship may need attention via that email address.

Pride Block Party: On 6/8 there will be an indoor block party as part of Astoria Pride. Laura moved and Tina seconded that PUUF purchase a booth. The motion passed unanimously. Susan is willing to do spin art again if we can be far from the speakers. The party is after the parade, which PUUF will participate in.

Minister housing allowance: There needs to be a yearly vote by the board (ideally in December) approving the housing allowance which is part of Reverend Mira's contract. Frank moved and Laura seconded that we formally approve the housing allowance for 2023 as detailed in the minister's contract. The motion passed unanimously.

New pathway for minister fellowship: Reverend Mira reports there is a new pathway for less than half-time ministers to achieve full fellowship. This requires a congregational committee. Formation of the committee will be deferred to the new board after July 1.

Special meeting: There will be a closed session meeting of the board only on 5/19/24 at 10:00 AM to review our response to a sanctioned member if that member seeks to be reinstated. Tina will compile data on the member's observed behavior to bring to that meeting.

Adjourned: 11:17 AM