

PUUF Board of Trustees Meeting
June 7, 2026 at 10:00,
Conference Room next to Fellowship Hall

Call to Order/Lighting of the Chalice: 10:02 am

Attendees: Steve Peterson, Meredith Richardson, Laura Gordon, Susan Olson, Frank Erickson, Mira Kepler, Dave Ambrose, Duane Thompson, Arline LaMear, Veja Lahti, Rhonda Piasecki

Minutes from the May 3, 2026 BOT Meeting: approved without correction.

Treasurer's Report: Dave - will check with those who may not have met their pledges before the end of the fiscal year. He received a bill from SAIF and does not recall being billed last year. It was not budgeted for FY26-27. It will be categorized under insurance and paid in July.

Minister's Report: Mira - July and August services will both be the second Sunday (due to Independence Day and Lughnasadh). The July service will be a Question Box service.

Committee Reports:

Technology: Frank - new windscreens were added to microphones. We will drop the Zoom account from the UUA since they no longer sponsor it. It was for Rev Mira's use but she has access to a Google Meet account that she will use instead. All passwords will be changed July 1.

Sunday Service: Arline & Laura G. - We are improving the flow of services to avoid wasted time with announcements and Candles of the Heart. All Sundays through the end of August are scheduled. We are brainstorming themes for calendar year 2027 and will ask the membership for ideas.

Membership: Susan - She is sorting the membership list and plans the next UU101 for July or August. She will reach out to those who have signed the guest book and they can be compared to the newsletter subscriber list (Laura G lets Susan know when there are new subscribers).

Liaison Committee: Susan - FPCA will have Kirking of the Tartan 6/28 followed by potluck in Fellowship Hall, so our coffee hour will be in the library that day.

Hospitality: nothing to report

CUUPS: Meredith & Steve - the community is growing. They will coordinate the two picnic services this summer (which will be CUUPS rituals) and the July 5 sing-along.

Right Relations: Steve - no report

Sunshine Committee: Veja - They are sending cards, and doing phone calls and visits. They got a cake for Izi's bridging today. They are planning a celebration for Melissa around the end of August (her baby is due in early October).

Strategic Planning: Meredith & Kelli - no report

New Business:

1. Veja and Rhonda would like more music in services, and would like to form a music committee, including Jennifer Goodenberger to contribute. They will send a written proposal to the Sunday service committee, but would like to see: 3 music services per year; Heartbeat Singers in a service once a month; Heartbeat of Mother Earth to do a November service honoring Indigenous People; an open-mic service for poems, songs, theater; a service to learn the new UU hymns led by a retired music director; and a service where artists speak about artistic expression. The three members will be invited to Sunday service committee meetings, and have access to the Google Calendar.
2. AI Usage. We have had a request to disavow the use of AI in promotional materials. There has been much information published about the ecological and environmental impact of AI data centers, and also the moral and ethical impact of AI "art" on creators. There is apparently no statement from the UUA regarding an organizational stance on the use of AI tools and art, but it could be useful for us as a fellowship to take a stand. The UUA does offer training on the ethical use of AI in services. AI is disabled on Zoom when we use it. Apparently, in Oregon, AI centers are charged a higher rate for electricity. After discussion, the board has no statement, but we recognize that the ethical use of AI means it can be used to assist with design if it is not displacing the payment of a commission and if it is not creating "art". No one has used it in their writing, but sometimes it has been used for research, and that should raise no concerns so long as primary sources are checked.
3. We need to discuss childcare (or how to manage children during services), since Izi will no longer be available. We will ask the congregation if members or a friend would like to work under the same conditions as Izi did (paid, with a minimum

payment if no children attend). They would need to be vetted and pass a background check.

4. We are a member of the Faith Caucus of Health Care for All Oregon. We joined last July and they would like an annual contribution of \$100. Frank moved and Steve seconded that we send a \$100 contribution in July for FY26-27. The motion passed unanimously. Laura G will send Dave the address.

Adjourn: 11:17 am