

PUUF Board of Trustees Meeting
January 4, 2026
Conference Room next to Fellowship Hall

Call to Order/Lighting of the Chalice: 10:05 am

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

Minutes from the Dec 14, 2025 BOT Meeting: Frank moved, Meredith seconded, that the minutes be accepted as presented. Approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave - The funds for the Christmas family pass through under miscellaneous. Donations is where shared plate pass-through is listed. The CDs are generating income.

Building Lease Discussion: The lease is not yet signed, but we are paying the higher rent beginning with January 2026. Some corrections are acknowledged but some are pending. Do we still want one Saturday a month reserved for us for other events (no longer doing drumming)? If we sign the lease and later wish to cancel it, there is a substantial financial penalty. We have no new information about the possibility of using space at the Consejo Hispano facility, so further discussion/acceptance of the lease is tabled.

Minister's Report: Mira - nothing new to report. Initiating "A Year Of Mysteries" today.

Committee Reports:

Technology: Frank- WiFi was changed 2 weeks ago to new system. The speed is documented as adequate as specified in our current contract. FPCA requests they train us on the soundboard and projectors.

Sunday Service: Arline & Laura G. - no meeting since the last BOT meeting. The monthly Visual Art presentation starts today. The January and February services and shared plates are mostly set.

Membership: Susan - Our membership is 38. The Annual UUA Certification survey is due February 2. Laura G volunteers to complete it. Scam requests for membership lists are coming in.

Liaison Committee: Susan - The sign is now approved for half of the marquee. The FPCA banners are confusing. FPCA asks that we designate a single person to be responsible for closing the spaces after our use (turn off lights, lock doors, etc). We can't commit to a single person, but tech is usually responsible to close the sanctuary and hospitality to close Fellowship Hall.

Hospitality: nothing to report

Choir: Meredith - no choir or choir director until at least the fall. Sunday service committee will try to do a protest song service in the spring, probably with the help of Eli and others.

CUUPS: Meredith & Steve - There are 10 active members who pay dues. The membership voted to renew the chapter and meets the membership number to do so. They ask for BOT endorsement. Laura moved, Duane seconded, that the PUUF BOT endorse Pacific Covenant of UU Pagans affiliation with PUUF. The motion passed unanimously. Meredith proposed a “perfect gift, but not for me” gift exchange 1/25/26 after the service. She is also considering a 50/50 garage sale in the spring (owner gets 50%, PUUF gets 50% of proceeds, and owner is responsible to take unsold items back).

Right Relations: Steve - some members are feeling marginalized (implicit bias?). There was conflict about the Thanksgiving potluck with FPCA and CUUPS meeting at the same time, and perceived criticism that the scheduling conflict was disrespectful to FPCA. This raises discussion of the balance between CUUPS and non-pagan UUs - in other words, what do we share - the salad vs stew analogy.

Sunshine Committee: Veja - no issues

Strategic Planning: Meredith & Kelli - nothing to report

Previous Action Items and Other Business: Building lease discussion tabled (see above).

New Business: none

Adjourn: 11:37 am