

PUUF Board of Trustees Meeting
April 5, 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, Kelli Mack, Laura Janes, Frank Erickson, Dave Ambrose, Laura Gordon, Arline LaMear, Mira Kepler, Duane Thompson, Susan Olson, Eli Hesse, Terri Daniels, Robert Ackerman, Drew Mack, Julia Hesse

Minutes from the March 1, 2026 BOT Meeting: Frank moved, Kelli seconded that they be accepted as submitted. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Dave - Donations and advertising appear high because the pass-through donation and payment to HipFish are listed there. Next year restricted donations will be broken out in a separate category. Otherwise essentially on target.

Minister's Report: Mira - nothing to report

Committee Reports:

Technology: Frank - there is still internet instability. The internet provider suggests the solution is to add another line.

Sunday Service: Arline & Laura G. - the next unscheduled service is May 31. Duane will coordinate a service that day for Mental Health Month. The GA worship service will be 6/21 at 8 am PT, the Sunday of our Litha service which will be held at Fort Stevens, Shelter C like last year, so members will be advised to view it on their own. We are considering a Pride-themed service for 6/14. The Q Center Pride week will be 6/20-28. The Pledge drive will be introduced at the April 12 meeting, to allow at least a few weeks before the Membership meeting May 3. Jennifer Goodenberger has volunteered to do a music service June 28. Due to the holiday, Mira will do her service the second week in July. July 5 can be the time to do a protest songs service that we were considering earlier. We will probably have another picnic over the summer, but otherwise continue services as usual. Justice Partner/shared plate is Seeds of Peace today (because we are at war), INCO for May and for June we have asked our Bridger, Izi, to pick the recipient.

Membership: Susan - Arline got special coffee cups to identify visitors at coffee hour. We need to create a mechanism to welcome new members separate from initiation. We could identify them at a service and in the newsletter, but we will need to create a work flow. Susan, Laura J and Laura G will work this week to create this year's pledge card, which will also include a place to sign on for volunteer work. They will also create a script to introduce the pledge drive at the service 4/12. Other board members will be recruited to talk about why they pledge at subsequent services until the membership meeting.

Liaison Committee: Susan - We now have our own sign on the marquee. Steve has signed the lease agreement and gave it to FPCA, but we have not received a signed copy back from them. Pastor Paul is now asking us to pay for half of the expense associated with adding a second internet line. Frank moved and Meredith seconded that we send an email from Steve as President to PFCA reminding them that the lease includes internet service as part of the agreement, which we have been honoring by paying the increased rent since the first of the year. The motion passed unanimously.

Hospitality: no report

CUUPS: Meredith & Steve - The Ostara ritual was at Necessary Magic with 22 attendees, which strained the capacity of that venue, so it will probably not be a site for future rituals. They plan to review and probably update the CUUPs covenant with the BOT (if they can find a copy).

Right Relations: Steve - Robert Ackerman is friends with KT and reports that she is still asking to come to services, specifically asking Robert if she can with him. Her spouse attended the CUUPs Ostara ritual. The Board will discuss this further in closed session at our next meeting.

Sunshine Committee: Robert reports they are restarting sending out birthday cards.

Strategic Planning: Meredith & Kelli met and want to take it in a new direction focusing on connections between members. The question is whether we are one or two communities (CUUPs vs non-CUUPs). We could be more intentional at making those connections, with one example being the last FUNChurch where “The Moth-A Game of Storytelling” was used to facilitate members sharing stories.

New Business:

1. Drew Mack reports that United Methodist Church in Warrenton has no activities Sundays at noon, and may be open to renting to us. He and Susan will visit and report at our next meeting.
2. Julia Hesse reports that INCO is initiating “Take A Stand/Make A Plan Faith Community” asking faith communities to be partners with them because faith communities can provide moral leadership, they are trusted and often a place vulnerable families turn to, and they can mobilize volunteers and share safety information. While PUUF doesn’t have ICE-targeted members, we can take a public stand. Julia asks us to make statement they can refer to. Rev Mira suggests we use the Action of Immediate Witness from 2025 “Immigrants Are People Who Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights” which articulates where UUs stand and offers personal and congregational actions. The board will ask the congregation to approve this statement for use by INCO. Specifically, INCO is asking faith communities to join in asking local government to resist siting detention centers in our communities.

Adjourn: 11:16 am