

**PUUF Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**March 1, 2026 at 10:00,**  
**Conference Room next to Fellowship Hall**

**Call to Order/Lighting of the Chalice:** 10:03 am

**Attendees:** Steve Peterson, Kelli Mack, Meredith Richardson, Laura Janes, Mira Kepler, Dave Ambrose, Duane Thompson, Laura Gordon, Arline LaMear, (Frank Erickson & Susan Olson excused)

**Minutes** from the Feb 1, 2026 BOT Meeting: Duane moved, Dave seconded that the minutes be accepted as submitted. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report:** Dave - with >\$24,000 in checking and >\$8,000 in savings, more can be transferred to CD. Laura moved, Meredith seconded that \$15,000 be taken from checking to purchase a 6 month CD. Motion carried unanimously.

**Minister's Report:** Mira - Each month, she will start Candles of the Heart with a mention about what is happening in the world that is likely to be weighing on all our hearts, to name it.

**Committee Reports:**

**Technology:** Duane - still issue of intermittent slow internet, but not disrupting Zoom.

**Sunday Service:** Arline & Laura G. - the first unscheduled Sunday is 3/29. Arline has two options, with the alternative for Laura G to do a Sermon of the Month. Bridging for Izi Cook will be 6/3/26 (along with the Flower Communion) so the Annual Membership meeting will be 5/3/26. Dave would like to do a service about meditation, which was scheduled for April 19 (theme: What is Good?). The board was asked for suggestions for April and May Justice Partners. Duane mentioned May is Mental Health Awareness Month to consider for Justice Partner and/or a service.

**Membership:** It was suggested that the guest book include a column for "How did you hear about PUUF?" New member Barbara Winans was present and asked for better recognition of new members. It was suggested that there be a welcome announcement in the newsletter, OOS and at a service (once a month?). Due to logistics, new member initiation with Rev Mira will next be September. Mira suggested we always introduce ourselves when speaking, such as at announcements, to help us get acquainted.

**Liaison Committee:** Laura J. - The lease is signed. Laura J will ask about the sign at the meeting this week.

**Hospitality:** It was suggested that newcomers and/or visitors use a special, identifiable coffee cup to help identify them (special color?) so members can know to welcome them at coffee hour/potlucks.

**CUUPS:** Meredith & Steve - nothing to report

**Right Relations:** Steve - a “concerned” community member had criticisms regarding the drumming group which were upsetting to Veja. After some discussion with Steve, and support to Veja, PUUF will not engage with the critic.

**Sunshine Committee:** no report

**Strategic Planning:** Meredith & Kelli - no meeting

**New Business:**

1. Pledge Drive to start in April. Mira mentioned thinking “Time, Treasure, Talent”. Concern was raised about diluting the money ask by asking for talent at the same time. We should do testimonials about why we pledge, like we did last year, starting with from board members. Consider suggesting planned giving, given our demographic.
2. Membership Meeting: Do we want to ask the congregation if they wish to consider compensating someone for duties like washing dishes after potluck? Also a reminder that we will not have childcare after Izi graduates. Childcare is a paid position.
3. Duane noted the photos of membership on the website are outdated. FaceBook doesn’t have much either. He will ask for photos at announcements today, and Kelli will update FB to direct visitors to the website and to sign up for the newsletter, keeping FB essentially inactive as a source for PUUF news.

**Adjourn:** 11:14 am