

First Universalist Church, Unitarian Universalist  
Auburn, ME  
Board of Directors  
Meeting Minutes  
June 5, 2024  
Bonnie Soper Room

Present: Anne Perron (President), Linda Greathouse (Vice President), David Das (Clerk), Jane Pentheny (member-at-large), John Spruill (member-at-large), Claire Hebert (member-at-large), Reverend Patrick McLaughlin (*ex officio*).

Guests: None.

**7:05** Anne Perron called the meeting to order.



*Board Chalice*

Claire read the Mission Statement.

Anne lit the chalice; she called on all of us to work together to create and strengthen community.

John read opening words (section of Board Covenant)

Brief sharing.

**Minister's Report:**

- Busy month:
  - Worked with Ellen O'Brien on budget and payroll.
  - Meeting with Sam McCune about RE Visioning.
  - UUMA and UUA sessions ongoing.
  - Noticed a recent uptick in questions about COVID policy and the COVID data sources.
    - Board uses: <https://www.cdc.gov/nwss/rv/COVID19-currentlevels.html> as the data source.
  - In communication with Terry Sweetser to ensure smooth transition.

### **President's Report:**

- Some B&G updates. Work session this Friday – great response.
- Met with Sam McCune about possible space needs.
- Sam and Anne concerned about improperly stored chemicals
  - Need to reaffirm safety policy
- Receiving furniture from Rick O'Brien's law office.

### **Board Member Communications:**

- John: working on issues with the printer.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- May 1, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve: John

Second: Claire

Unanimous approval.

### **Open Session:**

- No comments

### **Certificate of Deposit:**

- Board approval for Treasurer to reallocate \$35,000 from Account #0441 at Maine Community Bank to a 12-month Certificate of Deposit at Maine Community Bank.
  - Motion: John Spruill, Jr.
  - Second: Jane Pentheny
- Unanimous approval.

### **Alcohol Use Policy:**

- Discussion of revised draft.
- One change:
  - *1.1 Alcohol may be provided only if approved by the Board for the event.*
- Clarification of 1.7: only a licensed vendor may sell alcohol on site. Pre-event, off-site purchase is permitted (i.e. via tickets).
- Approve Alcohol Use Policy as amended:
  - Motion: John

- Second: Jane
- Unanimous approval.

### **Emergency Closure Policy:**

- John contented that the policy should address rentals.
- Anne: noted that policy is intended solely to address Auburn UU Sunday worship services.
  - Rentals would make own decision
- Motion to approve Emergency Closure Policy
  - Motion: Jane
  - Second: Linda
- Yea: 5; Abstain: 1 (John); Motion carried.

### **Town Hall Recap/Annual Meeting Preparation:**

- Town Hall went well
  - Good feeling from New Member ceremony.
- Annual Meeting preparation
  - Patrick will do Opening Words
  - Decision to move Rose Window Award to first item after Call to Order (scheduling conflicts). Patrick and Anne to officiate.
  - Patrick will give broad overview of Article II revisions.
  - Article II discussion limited to 10 minutes; straw poll; then Board motion to advise our delegates to make their own decision taking into consideration the results of the straw poll.
  - Cynthia and Angela to monitor online voting
  - Ed Bell and Charles (perhaps Ned) to count in the Sanctuary.

### **8:21 Motion to enter Executive Session**

- to discuss congregant request and 2024-25 Board Slate
  - Motion: John;
  - Second: Jane;
- Unanimous approval.

### **9:40 Out of Executive Session**

#### **Board Resolution:**

- Board formally expressed its appreciation for Anne Perron's excellent and effective leadership in very trying times.

- Motion: Linda
  - Second: John
- Unanimous approval

**8:50 Adjournment**

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Das (Clerk)