

First Universalist Church, Unitarian Universalist
Auburn, ME
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 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*) via Zoom, phone, ESP.

Guests: Levesque

7:05 Anne Perron called the meeting to order.



Board Chalice

Jane read the Mission Statement, said some opening words.

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

Claire read opening words (section of Board Covenant)

Brief sharing.

Minister's Report:

- “Not much going on”:
 - Transitional Ministry program almost over.
 - Working out contract details for a RE Coordinator and Administrative manager positions.
 - Helped Board with developing Congregational Record for ministerial search.

President's Report:

- Ministerial search going well. Congregational record updated. Frequent contact with our representatives at the UUA.
- Some Rental and B&G updates.

Board Member Communications:

- John: service led by Bahai community well received. Worship Associates looking to invite other faith traditions to lead worship on an occasional basis.

Consent Agenda:

- April 3, 2024 Minutes

Motion to approve: John

Second: Claire

Unanimous approval.

Open Session:

- Levesque: they will be present for the shift over to Fidium (our new internet provider; greater bandwidth).

Council of Committees Recap

- Council now meeting quarterly
- Good turnout
- Concern with burnout: relatively small number of people doing a lot.
- New to UU class scheduled for May 19; Paula Spruill a master of organization.
- Worship Associates: worship schedule filled through July.
- Tech Committee to meet with Patrick.

Alcohol Use Policy:

- Some revisions on language
 - need to eliminate all references to “serve.”
- Clarify that sponsoring entity responsible for transportation.
- Need to coordinate with Wedding Rental Agreement protocols.
- Final draft to be voted on at June Board meeting.

Emergency Closure Policy:

- Incorporated suggestions by Toby Haber-Giasson.
- Additional minor edits needed.
- Final draft to be voted on at June Board meeting.

Town Hall/Annual Meeting Preparation:

- Board takes ownership of the budget.
 - Anne and David to meet with Greg B. and Ellen.
- Discussed logistics of preparing the physical Annual Report.
 - Need for a quality, professional product.

Board Social:

- Linda confirmed arrangements for axe throwing extravaganza for Thursday, May 16, 6pm.
 - Spouses welcome to attend to release frustrations.
 - David to bring tourniquets.

8:35 Motion to enter Executive Session

- to discuss personnel, 2024-25 Board Slate, and Rose Window Award.

Motion: John; Second: Jane; Unanimous approval.

9:50 Out of Executive Session

9:50.01 Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

David H. Das (Clerk)