

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 12:01 pm. There was a quorum.

Board members present: Gerri Farrel, Jon Neilsen, Jenna Kern-Rugile, Liza Burby, Susan Peters

Agenda: Vote to elect new members for the **Ministerial Search Committee:** Motion was made by Steve Burby and seconded by Linda Morella to approve Jon Sorscher, Amy Olander, Jennifer Hildreth, Carolyn D’Orazio. **Approval was unanimous**

A report on the current status of the MSC was given by Terry Donaldson. She explained the timeline for the year going forward. In response to questions by attendees, she explained that by Nov. 15 an update to the Congregation Record is to be submitted to the UUA Congregational Transitions Office. At that time, we either make a decision to engage a contract minister for 2 years with the goal of that minister becoming a settled minister, ending the search, or we decide to continue the search for a settled minister. Candidating week would be in May and the settled minister would begin in August

In answer to questions from the congregation regarding the past year’s search, she said that new applicants are trending away from Metropolitan areas and a big issue is salary due to the COA on Long Island. The BOT will re-evaluate our salary offering according to the UUA guidelines.

The MSC will be meeting with the UUA Congregation Transition Office Oct. 21.

Gerri thanked the Ministerial Search Committee members.

Motion to adjourn at 12:30 was made by Terry Donaldson, seconded by Steve Burby.

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