

UUFH Board Meeting

September 17, 2024

Attendees: Laura Otton, Gerri Farrell, Allyson Barish, Liza Burby, Jim Rubin-Perez, Connie Sorscher, Jenna Kern-Rugile, Susan Peters, Jon Nielsen, Pastor Madelyn Campbell

Chalice Lighting: “The Spirit That Moves” by Gretchen Woods

Covenant – Reviewed. The Board will make any needed changes to it at the Board retreat on 9/21/24.

Discussion and Vote Items:

August Board Meeting Minutes – (Consent agenda) Approved.

Pastor Madelyn’s Housing Allowance – Motion (by Susan): to approve Minister’s housing allowance Seconded by Gerri. Unanimously approved.

Discussion Items:

Consent Agenda – Starting with the October 2024 Board meeting, the Board will have Consent Agenda items that members will prepare to vote on by reading the Summaries sent by Laura several days before the Board Meeting. If no one has questions, the Board will put the item up for a vote. If there are questions, anyone who has a question can have their question answered ahead of a vote. Reminders from Laura to read the summaries is helpful. Allyson would prefer as much time as possible to prepare the monthly financial update report, and therefore will send it later than the Summaries to Board members, probably the Sunday or Monday before the next Board meeting.

Ministerial Search Committee (MSC)– The UUA recommends not waiting until 10/20 to get the full MSC in place to start working on our ongoing ministerial search. The Nominating Committee (NomCom) has recommended additional members to join Bob Bader, Jim Monnier, and Terry Donaldson, who have agreed to remain on the MSC to complete year two of the search. NomCom recommends four new members; and together the Board and NomCom will present the full slate to a vote at a congregational meeting on 10/6/24 to greenlight the full complement of MSC members to start their work. Susan (Secretary) will remind the MSC slate members to provide their brief bios asap for publication in the next two Flash’s, along with a brief statement that the NomCom was successful in completing the MSC slate, and announcing that there will be a brief congregational meeting after the service on 10/6 to approve the slate. The meeting that was scheduled for 10/20 is cancelled. The MSC will start working right away.

Board Retreat – The Board will gather for a pot luck dinner at 6:30 PM on Friday 9/20, and will meet again from 9:30 AM – 3 PM on 9/21, facilitated by Erin, who will provide an agenda that day, to set the Board’s goals for the coming year. Sandra will provide copies of the governance structure, and the Covenant will be updated. There will be a group photo taken for publication on the Fellowship website. Allyson will give an informative PowerPoint presentation to familiarize new Board members with the Fellowship’s finances.

Financial Report – Allyson is working to update the financial database structure to coincide with the new governance structure charters and better align with which committee controls what budget lines.

Summaries: Susan sent a late addition to the summary that the current Tenant's lease rider provides two parking spaces, not one. The current Cottage lease rider also allows for 2 parking spaces. Laura made note to follow up about possibly needing to create an additional parking space for leasers.

Greeters: Members are reminded to respond to Jackie Agdern's request for Sunday Greeters. No actual dates were provided in the email that Jackie sent. Laura will help Jackie to write a google doc so that Board members will know what dates greeters are needed.

Volunteer Fair: Laura agreed with Jenna's assessment that the fair was successful and should happen more often than once a year. Allyson thought the fair went exceedingly well for her two committees. She recommends better publicity, announcement from the pulpit, reminder in the Flash. Connie suggests planning the September fair in June, since most committees do not meet over the summer. Tables with posters and food incentives/prizes attracted more volunteers. Ask Committees seeking volunteers how successful the fair was for them. Ask: Did the sign-ups stick? Hold another fair in January, on a Pastor Madelyn Sunday.

Minister's Report: Pastor Madelyn inadvertently sent this month's report to her previous Board. She resent it to Board members during the meeting, along with another email outlining her upcoming days away at the UU Military Chaplains' Conference in Arizona.

Next Meeting – 10/15/24