



February 20, 2017 - Board Meeting Minutes
First Universalist Church
97 Main Street
Yarmouth, Maine 04096

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marge Titcomb, President; Joan Guild, Vice President; Rebecca Rundquist; Charlie Horstmann; Lily O'Brien; Jane Cleaves, Nancy Dix

MINISTER: Rev. Jennifer Emrich

MEMBERS ABSENT: Joanna Landsman, Clerk

LIGHT THE CHALICE, OPEN THE MEETING: The chalice was lit and the meeting opened at 7:00 PM

QUORUM: A quorum was established as 7 members were present; 6 are required.

MINUTES of the 01.09.17 Board Meeting: approved unanimously

HOT TOPIC: Focus on Member Services:

- Rentals of the Church and Gathering Room: Rebecca to review current agreement and suggest updates. Meanwhile, Rev. Jennifer has discretion on agreement modifications. A small committee of the board including Rebecca, Jane and Lily will organize volunteer team to support rentals including building prep and closing. Caring Connection will continue to coordinate building support for memorial services.
- Nametags: overall support for the new design. Rev. Jennifer will coordinate with Gwen.
- Clynk account: Youth Groups responsible for launching project, then it will fall under Stewardship

OVERVIEW OF REPORTS:

- Programs/Minister's Report – Rev. Jennifer focused on reasons and logistics of opening the sanctuary for services outside of Sunday Worship. She will take this topic to the Worship Council and report back to the board.
- President – Report distributed prior to meeting. Financial review included discussion of progress of Annual Campaign and possible fundraisers to close the gap in current budget. Rebecca pursuing grant opportunities.
- Nominating Committee –process underway for upcoming church year
- Buildings & Grounds – elevator door replacement will happen soon; sexton working well; estimates for sanctuary plastering & painting being considered; safety concerns for staff and renters under review
- Stewardship – Report distributed prior to meeting. Rebecca checking costs of tote bags, aprons etc. with new logo.
- Member Services – see Hot Topics

VOTES:

- Unanimous vote in favor of signing the UUA Declaration of Conscience
- Unanimous vote in favor of Senior Youth renewing our status as a Welcoming Congregation

POSTPONED UNTIL MAR BOARD MEETING: Church Office Online and Directory - Joanna

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Dix