



March 13, 2017 - Board Meeting Minutes
First Universalist Church
97 Main Street
Yarmouth, Maine 04096

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

MINISTER: Rev. Jennifer Emrich

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charlie Horstmann

LIGHT THE CHALICE, OPEN THE MEETING: The chalice was lit and the meeting opened at 7:05 PM

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

MINUTES of the 02.20.17 Board Meeting: approved unanimously

HOT TOPICS:

- Began preliminary discussions on FY17 budget. Board made recommendation to proceed as outlined with staff-related adjustments, dependent upon final budget and annual campaign results.
- Discussed the end of the grant that contributed to the Member Services work completed by the Program Assistant. See vote.
- Discussed Peg Award nominees for this church year

OVERVIEW OF REPORTS:

- Programs/Minister's Report – The proposed monthly Healing Service has been tabled until after Rev. Jennifer's sabbatical.
- President – Report distributed prior to meeting included information re: Black Lives Matter. More discussion required to determine what First U's specific plan should be, if any. Rebecca continues to pursue grant opportunities. As of 3/13, 19 requests have been made (\$53K) with 1 success (500), 6 denied.
- Nominating Committee –process underway for upcoming church year
- Buildings & Grounds – elevator door replacement will arrive 3/16 and elevator should be operational on or about 4/1 after installation and inspection are complete. We are still searching for the B&G volunteer coordinator.
- Stewardship – Report distributed prior to meeting. Financial review at meeting included discussion of progress of Annual Campaign and continued discussion on the gap in current budget. Rebecca continuing research into tote bags with new logo as another fundraising opportunity.
- Member Services – discussed the UU Heritage Tour in Boston; signups have started, more coordination underway.
- Other – the first Music Series event is on track, with Lily coordinating this effort.

VOTES: Motion to hold the Program Assistant position at 30 hours/week through end of May: Jane motioned, Nancy seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Joanna Landsman