



Meeting Notes
First Universalist Church Board
February 11, 2019 6:00 pm

We read the following attachments before this meeting:

- Presidents Report
- Stewardship Report
- B&G Report
- Minister's Report
- Special report on Parsonage Rental
- Draft of Charge to new Leadership Development Team

Opening:

- Light the Chalice, Establish Quorum
- Reading (Rev. Frieda)

Consent Agenda

- Minutes from previous meeting APPROVED

Discussion Agenda

1. The 95 Main Project (New Mainers in the Parsonage)

QUESTION: Who owns this project? Board, FIA, B&G? What will need to happen to make it work? What are the implications for selection of our next settled minister?

DISCUSSION:

None of the committees have the bandwidth for owning the project.

Pete Titcomb concerned with facilities mgmt. and project administration. B&G is not going to take on this project; still looking for new leadership in our own B&G. Property Manager. Rent might need to include professional services. Will have relationship with 3 or so tenants, either long term or short term.

DECISION: A project team of all partners (3 from First Univ, 3 from YCHI or St Barts) needs to be created. Ultimately we can envision a separate 501c3.

Opportunities: a chance to renew our mission in a new space.

Phase 1. Launch. First Univ. provides building.

Phase 2. Ongoing. First Univ. may provide conversation circles, community dinners, etc.

Training for relationships with New Mainers.

Rent will include utilities. Asylum seeking and work permit pending eligible individuals would have GA of \$700 (or so) and then a job with good enough income to pay when GA runs out. Community acceptance: understanding reality. Rent IS being paid. Build FAQ or Q&A.

Future minister: not likely to want to live there.

DECISION: We authorize an Ad Hoc team of the Board (aka the "95 Main") to proceed with this project.

2. Midyear Meeting

QUESTION: Were all of our committee goals affirmed, and were all the charges accepted? How would we evaluate the World Café format?

DISCUSSION of World Café Format: Cons: There was not enough time. We didn't have big sign-ups, and we didn't get great reports or notes. Spatial – a bit crowded.

**Hello
Friends and
Members!**

**These are the Meeting
Notes from our most
recent Board Meeting.
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Pros: A good way to get people looking at the work of the church. A few interested people, and some good ideas were flowing.
Gwen – UU Chalice Summer Camp.

DISCUSSION of CHARGES (Goals for CY 2019):

- They have been posted on the wall, and published for everyone, but probably direct send is now also important
- Clerk SW will Send charge to each committee. Remind that there are 4-5 months left before summer... then Annual Report.
- Invitation to take the Spotlight in Channels. Use of the time slot in worship services for First Universalist Church Stories. Experiments, new ideas, connections, opps.

3. Transition/Transparency/Congregant Concerns

QUESTION: How can we communicate the ongoing work most clearly? What are the next recovery/healing steps?

DISCUSSION: We have had Healing Circles and Timeline project. Sharing circles and FG meetings with individuals. It is time to share some reflections with the congregation. The Board reviewed a memo from SW on a checkpoint meeting between reps of the Exec, TT, Minister, and congregants with steps including a draft letter to be posted on the website, plans for communications with the UUA, candles, sermons, etc.

4. Formation of Leadership Development Team

QUESTION: What do we need to do to get LD team rolling?

DISCUSSION: Sarah write invite, Gwen polish. Invite group to a one time info meeting 2/17. See who is interested in kicking things off.

Reflections and Closing

REMINDERS: PLEASE ATTEND and pitch in at upcoming events!

3/8, 7:00 pm – next **MUSIC ON MAIN** concert. Please mark on your calendar and build a social night around music!

3/17 **Congregational Q&A and board meeting** with Rev Margaret Beckman, the UUA Transition Coach

3/24 **HEALTHY FAMILY WORKSHOP**: “Let’s Talk about Sex” – please share poster with all the families (with kids 0-9 years old) that you know!

4/6 **Gala Dinner** – Board members: SAVE THE DATE! attendance is practically mandatory haha.

4/13 **3D Movie night** – Documentary, discussion and dinner.

5/18 **Casco Bay Conversations #1!** HUGE! An important fundraiser for our 18-19 operating funds, as well as a mission-driven and highly visible event. Please SAVE THE DATE and plan to be on hand. There are many ways to help out, and helpers will have a deeply discounted ticket (\$50 vs \$150)