



**Meeting Notes**  
**First Universalist Church Board**  
**April 8, 2019 6:00 pm**

**Present:**

- Joanna, Lily, Marge, Joe, Sarah, Meghan, Jen, Frieda

**Opening:**

- Light the Chalice, Establish Quorum
- Reading

*Here is a simple truth to embrace: we cannot do it alone but we can do it together. When we look at the sea of troubles around us and feel overwhelmed because we know we are not powerful enough to change our reality, we need to remember that we were never expected to go it alone. Community is the key. Our places of worship are not just shelters from the storm: they are where we plan, organize, and recruit volunteers. They are the focal point for action and cooperation in the local neighborhood and around the world. What we cannot do alone, we can do together, with the guidance and strength of the Spirit. – Rev. Steven Charleston*

**Consent Agenda**

- Minutes from previous meeting – approved!

**Discussion Agenda**

**1. TRANSITION and SEARCH COMMITTEE FORMATION**

Question: What are the next steps?

Answer: 86 Households to be polled by board and LD committee.

April 28. Three ways: meet with us 11:30-1, take a call 3-5 from the phone bank, or send an email by the end of the day.

**2. DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET**

Question: Do we understand the budget and the proposed reallocation from FY 19 to FY 20.

Answer: Moved, seconded, all in favor.

Are we all ok with putting \$2,600 of Gala Income into next year's budget. YES

**3. LIAISONS discussion**

Should minister or ministry liaison report to the Board on news from the Program Councils.

Should liaison of committees of the board or the chair report to the Board.

**4. CASCO BAY CONVERSATIONS**

food, registration table hosts, runners, time keepers, lunch, parking assistants

Meghan will send letter template with flyer and press release (done)

**5. THOUGHTS FOR BOARD MEMBER OPENING – plus exec**

**6. AFTER MINISTER COUNSELING WITH REV DEB POPE VANCE**

What was our understanding of her scope and purpose? Were we satisfied with report?

Are we ok with not holding a larger meeting with her and the congregations? Yes.

Writing a letter. Working on policies and procedures.

**7. Essentialism – the Disciplined Pursuit of Less.**

Return to basics.

Go out with mission.

## **Reflections and Closing**

**REMINDERS: PLEASE save the dates, ATTEND and pitch in at upcoming events! See next page, too.**

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR PLATE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMITTEE/COUNCIL LIAISONS: Please make sure your groups received the 'Charge from the Board' for this calendar year.

4/12 Music on Main 7 pm

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

4/14 4 pm Last Scheduled Healing Circle (was cancelled)

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.

# *special events & programs*

## Spring 2019

### **1st & Third Mondays: UU Conversations**

We will be starting a series of conversations about Unitarian Universalism, starting with the Seven Principles, facilitated by Rev. Frieda. These UU Conversations will take on the first and third Mondays of each month from 6—7 pm. How do we live into our principles?

### **April 21: Holy Donuts on Easter Morning**

Start your Easter Sunday, April 21 at 9:30 am, with Holy Donuts! (And coffee and juice) Come to mingle with friends and learn more about the Pathway to Membership. Newcomers are especially welcome!

### **May 5: 2nd Annual Earth Day Carnival**

The Earth Day Carnival, held on May 5th this year, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm, a free event, is a chance to encourage children to be responsible stewards of our natural world while playing games, doing nature-themed crafts, and taking home eco-friendly prizes.

### **June 9: Signing the Book Ceremony and New Member Celebration**

Please consider joining First Universalist Church! When you become a member, you are affirming your commitment to Unitarian Universalist, joining with others who want to nurture their own spiritual journeys and help make the world a kinder more beautiful place. On June 9th, we welcome you to sign the book in a brief ceremony before church and then receive the blessing of our community in worship service. We say both congratulations for finding your spiritual home, and thank you for bringing your light to all of us.

### **June 16: Flower Communion and Ice Cream Social**

We end our worship year with the beautiful Flower Communion which expresses gratitude for each unique person, and then celebrate each other (and our love of yummy food) with a big old make your own sundae party.

### **Summer Worship**

Please stay tuned for news of our Vespers services, which are offered on Sunday evenings in August. Wash up from gardening or whatever you were doing, grab something to share in potluck, and come over around 6 for a brief circle worship in the Peace Garden followed by a shared supper.