



Meeting Notes
First Universalist Church Board
Sept. 8, 2020 - 5:30 pm, via ZOOM (link in email)

Opening:

- Light the Chalice, Establish Quorum (Joanna, Jen, Marge, Sarah, Hillary, Andrew, Stew, Sarah)
- Blessing: Rev. Hillary

Consent Agenda: please read attachments

- (a) Minutes from previous meeting
- (b) Minister's Report
- (c) President's Report
- (d) Stewardship / Treasurer Report

Discussion

1. Budget Approval

Transition Fund – would like to move 5K to depleted Building Fund. VOTE: 8-0 IN FAVOR

Budget approved for Annual Meeting: VOTE: 8-0 IN FAVOR

RISE UP gift intentions: Sarah will ask leadership group to send number to Marge

2. Annual Meeting Preparations – Sept. 27, 2020, 11:00 am (immediately after worship)

Question: How shall we prepare for our virtual Annual Meeting?

Meeting will follow directly after worship.

Zoom link will be provided (continuous with worship?)

Agenda topics to include:

- Minister's Reflections (incl. intro of Staff, incl. CoM)
- President's Reflections
- Clerk take quorum.
- Annual Report
- Affirm board members (screen shot of Board from 9/8)
- New ritual to affirm relationship between Board and Congregation
- RISE UP Video and invitation to buy a share
- VOTING: BY SHOW OF HANDS

3. Committee on Ministry – follow up

Nancy Dix (Board) and Ben Tupper (Search) have accepted the invitation to serve. The Board needs to recommend 1 or 2 congregants to round out the committee. The Board suggested various candidates. Joanna will invite suggested individual. The President's Annual Report describes the purpose of the CoM.

4. Leadership Retreat – looking ahead

Possible date: November 21.

Possible focus: (Board will give LDT some direction) Discussion of purpose: Comfort, empowerment and stability affirmations. Celebrate being in a good place. Leadership being identified. Keep it simple, easy. What do we want to DO in this good place?

We are in the last of a 5-year strategic plan. Can we dream up new goals? Where will the next 5-year plan come from? Without the big fundraisers we are free to re-imagine our giving to social justice partners in the future.

Reflections and Closing

Coming up:

Stewardship Info Meeting Sept 20th

Annual Meeting – Sunday September 27 – immediately after worship

Next Exec Meeting – Tuesday Oct. 6 – 5:30 PM

Next Board Meeting – Tuesday Oct. 13 – 5:30 PM

Leadership Retreat – Tentative November 21- TBC