

FPUU PARISH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, February 13, 2025

The Chalice was lit and our meeting commenced at 7:05pm.

Attendance: Ann Svenson, Kate Glennon, Erin Splaine, (on Zoom), Jen McGonagle Dziedzic, Erica Boyle (on Zoom) and Carol Sullivan-Hanley.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of January 9, 2025 were accepted unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Erica reported that we are within reasonable shape. The Finance Committee has worked diligently to curb costs when possible and to move forward and work with more "consumer friendly" money managers, Boston Financial.

As of February 10th, the Endowment Income is \$45, 701.23, Pledge Income is \$68,368.14 and Total Assets, \$93,632.40.

The Finance Committee was kind enough to join us and share the logistics of our upcoming canvas plans. It officially starts on March 2nd, with Richard Leach providing commentary on "why we give" and "why it is so important". We are asking congregants to up their pledges this year and the initial "ask" will be through a "snail mail" request.

They, too, shared their plans for the generous donation of \$25,000 from the estate of Gail Anderson. An update of the kitchen, (a space near and dear to Gail's heart), the Minister's Office and the Administrative Assistant's Office are all being considered for modest modernizing.

The Ministerial Search Committee, working incredibly hard and have found a tentative candidate. Impressed with his credentials, a contract has been revised, approved by UUA and will be offered by Mary and Laura. We look forward to his response to the contract letter.

Erin provided information regarding "safety" in UU Communities. A link with resources and suggestions is available from Kerry McDonald. We were urged to familiarize ourselves and be mindful of laws regarding ICE, community unrest and finally, social media vulnerability.

Religious Education: Erin meets with Tricia each Tuesday. We are looking to grow the program and have more available teachers.

Services/Programming

We look forward to a concrete plan for Greeting sign-up.

Dianne has taken on the role of Caring and Concerns. She, too, has brought back "joys and concerns" with a large bowl of water and individual smooth stones for a contributory part of the service.

Staffing: "Teamwork makes the dream work" has been the motto of the many. To date, there are regular volunteers on Mondays and Fridays. The mail is being opened, messages retrieved and answered

along with weekly What's Happening posts, Orders of Service written and copied for Sunday and monthly newsletters.

The final version of an Administrative Assistant job has been written and posted on our website.

The final version for the Music Director has been posted on our website and that of the UUA.

We adjourned at 8:47pm.

