

FPUU PARISH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, April 10, 2025

Our chalice was lit at 7:10pm. We observed a moment of silence regarding the announcement that our dear colleague and community member, Alan Donaldson had passed away that afternoon. We took turns sharing wonderful “Alan” memories and stories.

Attendance: Kate Glennon, Ann Svensen, Charlie Ruddy, Richard Kermond, Jen McGonagle Dziedzic, Erica Boyle and Carol Sullivan-Hanley.

Previous Minutes: Jen made the motion to accept the April minutes. It was seconded by Erica and approved unanimously by Parish Committee members.

Ellen Isley, represented the Social Justice Committee and shared an important initiative through UMass Action asking UU parishes to support an Indigenous Peoples Legislation Endorsement Request. She will share information about upcoming congressional bills at the start of the first May service and provide signage in the foyer and self-addressed envelopes at Coffee Hour for patrons to participate. The Parish Committee unanimously voted in favor of this worthwhile initiative.

Treasurer’s Report: Erica reported that we are within reasonable shape. The Finance Committee, Endowment Committee and the Parish Committee have all donated 100% to the Canvass.

There is an increase in the cost of all our utilities. The “office and kitchen” rehab is a little more challenging with workers not returning phone calls and e-mails. We are looking into a new lease or purchase of a new copier that is more efficient and reliable.

Ministerial Search: Nothing to report.

Minister’s Report: Erin was providing pastoral care to the Donaldson family. She was not present at our meeting.

Staffing: The Office Administrator candidate, Emily, supported by the Parish Committee accepted our offer and signed a contract. She will start at the end of April 2025.

The Music Director’s position continues to be advertised.

Events Updates:

Patriot’s Day: A historical reenactment play with Scituate and Norwell UU Churches occurred Monday, April 21st. There, attendees visited the Sanctuary and Sloop Room and participated in a “mock” Town Meeting celebrating the twenty-two Scituate farmers who traveled to Lexington to fight with the Minutemen.

Spring Fair: It will occur on May 17, 2025, and volunteers are needed...

Beth’s “Good-Bye” luncheon will happen on Sunday, May 18, 2025. This celebration and gift presentation will be a potluck.

Our Annual Meeting will occur on Sunday, May 25th after church service. The warrant will be issued and posted shortly. All reports should be submitted by May 18th It may be that we gather for the Meeting on the 25th and adjourn to complete the Meeting on June 8th, our last day of worship.

Adjournment: 8:50pm.