

FPUU PARISH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, July 22, 2025

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

Attendance: Richard Kermond (briefly, sick dog) Charlie Ruddy, Jen McGonagle-Dziedzic, Cathie McGowan (in lieu of Erica Boyle) and Carol Sullivan-Hanley.

Previous Minutes: A motion was made to accept the June 12th minutes. It was seconded and the motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Cathie McGowan, reporting for Erica shared that we are within reasonable shape. The Endowment Committee funds have done well. The Finance Committee, Endowment Committee see palpable success with this Five-Year Plan.

Buildings and Grounds: The most recent expenditures include "mini-split" air conditioning for the administrator and minister offices. (This comes from Gail Anderson's donation.) Also, a sound system upgrade with the addition of two new speakers, better positioning of current speakers and the addition of more outlets.

Communications Update: We are exploring CMS (Church Management System) and Give Better as systems to be added to Quick Books for more comprehensive and user friendly financial management.

New Minister Update: Jonathan Pierce has signed a contract and looks forward to joining us for some August Sunday summer services incorporating M+ before the official start of the church year on September 7, 2025. We welcome him and all that he has to offer. Finance and M+ will clarify their roles and operations.

Staffing: Emily looks forward to the continued renovation completion of her church Administration Office. She will then establish regular office hours.

A Music Director, Danica Buckley has been hired. Her agreed upon contract has been drawn up and is awaiting her signature.

Religious Education: We are currently without a Religious Coordinator. Some members of the Parish Committee will serve as an "interim RE Committee" until the post is filled. Carol will post the position with the UUA and Career Service Offices at BU/Wheelock and Lesley University.

Membership/Fellowship: We look forward to reaching out to families who have stopped coming due to the pandemic. Perhaps a Welcome House to celebrate the arrival of Jonathan and Danica? We, too, look forward to reinstating Synergy Sundays.

Social Justice: We happily celebrated the amount of funds raised for SAS at the Pride Breakfast with St. Luke's. We, too, have been working in collaboration with Indivisible Scituate and attending standouts as well as hosting our own each Sunday morning. This summer, we will be opening up the Sanctuary to show two S.J. themed films and welcoming the public.

Upcoming Events and Updates:

Sunday services and stand-outs

The summer fundraiser, root beer floats on August 3rd. Volunteers are needed.

A Board Retreat on August 16th at the Scituate Town Library from 9:00-2:00pm. The agenda will be set and times established for all leadership and P.C. and minister separate gatherings.

Adjournment: 8:45pm

