

First Universalist Church, Unitarian Universalist Auburn, ME
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 17, 2023
Community Meeting Room

Present: Anne Perron (President), Linda Greathouse (Vice-President), Ed Bell (member-at-large), Claire Hebert (member-at-large), Betty Lynne Riggin (member-at-large), Jane Pentheny (member-at-large)

Excused: David Das (Clerk)

Guests: None

6:35 pm: The meeting was called to order by Anne Perron, followed by the chalice lighting.

Ed Bell read section 1.3 of the Policy Manual related to Board Job Expectations as a reminder to all.

Anne read the Auburn UU Mission Statement.

Brief sharing by Board members.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

May 3, 2023 minutes: A motion to approve the Board minutes of May 3, 2023 was made by Claire, seconded by Anne, and approved by all.

Board Chalice

Open Session: None – no guests present

Update from the PSDIC:

Linda reported on the following:

- The PSDIC has agreed to pay for 50% of the water and sewer bills for the next fiscal year.
- The PSDIC would like to change Saturday hours from 10-3 to 9-2 starting May 27th.
- There are two issues related to persons that were addressed in Executive session.

Update from the Interim Search Committee:

Anne reported that yesterday we received notice from the UUA that we were one of 15 congregations (of 35 seeking interim ministers) who did not match with a minister seeking an interim position. We had 2 interested in us, had interviewed them and checked references and indicated we had interest in both of those as interim ministers, but they both accepted positions with other

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congregations. The UUA indicated they recommend we now search for a contract minister, so we will need to update our application and consider our next steps.

The Board went into Executive Session from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM:

- The Board members participated in a Zoom Transitional Interview call with UUA Congregational Life Staff representative, Erica Baron, to reflect on shared achievements and challenges of years of ministry together with Rev. Jodi Hayashida.
- The Board also discussed two issues referred from the PSDIC steering committee. Follow-up actions will be communicated to the PSDIC steering committee chairperson.

After Executive Session Items:

Annual Meeting:

Discussion was held regarding the need for an annual report from the Board to include in the Annual Meeting report packet, and a slate of nominations for various board and leadership positions. Concern was raised regarding the lack of Board documentation from the first half of this church year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Greathouse
Vice President (Clerk in David Das' absence)