

First Universalist Church, Unitarian Universalist
Auburn, ME
Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2025

Present: David Das (President), Anne Perron (Vice President), Linda Greathouse, (Clerk), Jane Penthyeny (member-at-large), Ed Bell (member-at-large)

Excused: John Spruill (member-at-large); Claire Hebert (member-at-large)

Guests: None

Call to Order: 7:05 PM by David.

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Chalice Lighting: By Anne as she described the construction of the chalice and lit it to open the meeting.

Opening Words shared by David: We gather here today, community of leaders within a larger community of faith. Our work before us, we are called to “deliver the goods” with commitment, reason, and foresight.

Brief Sharing by Board members.

Board Chalice

President’s Report: David reported there have been recent issues with reimbursements and payments to vendors, he has been following up with appropriate persons to resolve. Sundays have been going very well, attendance is consistent, coffee hour has been well attended.

Board Communications: Linda reported the Social Justice committee had a very good meeting a few weeks ago. The congregational town hall meeting issues were reviewed and several areas of focus prioritized. It was confirmed that Welcoming Committee activities will be a task force of the SJ committee. A follow-up meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 5/18/25, at 11:30 AM. All are welcome.

Anne reported that the memorial service for beloved member, Trisha, was well coordinated and well attended.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- Acceptance of the April 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion by Jane, second by Ed. Unanimous approval.

Open Session:

Discussion and Delegation:

- **Budget Update:** David referred questions from the April meeting to Ellen, is awaiting response. Religious Exploration submitted their budget request to Ellen. The financial town hall meeting is scheduled for Sunday, June 1, after church. This is the week prior to the Annual meeting. Ellen will be providing the finalized budget for discussion prior to the town hall.
- **June 8, 2025 Annual Meeting Planning/Responsibilities:**
 - President's/Board Annual Report - David
 - Committee reports – Anne will send reminder to chairpersons
 - Slate of nominees for elective offices prepared by 5/28 – Board
 - Call to meeting, including agenda and slate of nominees sent to the congregation by 5/29 – Linda/Toby
 - Proposed Budget by 6/1 - Ellen
 - Annual report put together and distributed - Office
- **Policy on Board Voting via Email:** The draft policy was distributed prior to the meeting, due to time constraints, it was agreed to defer that discussion for a future Board meeting.

Executive Session: The Board went into Executive session at 7:30 PM to discuss the Rose Window Award nominations, contracts and staffing. The Executive Session ended at 8:00 PM

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Greathouse, Clerk