



PEOPLES CHURCH
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

May 16, 2024

7 p.m. Ely Room and Zoom

1. **Call to Order at 7:02 p.m.** – Board President Steve Hershner
Attending in-person: Steve, Sue Davis, Cate Sheller, Marcy Mattison, Secretary; Rev. Carin Bringelson; attending on Zoom: Kris Davis, Gary McGraw, Treasurer; Lu Wilcox
2. **Lighting of the Chalice** – Rev. Carin, with a reading on pluralism by Elizabeth Gilbert
Board Check-in on personal experiences with pluralism
3. **Approve Minutes** from April 24, 2024 Board meeting
Motion by Sue, second by Cate; unanimously approved.
4. **Reports**
 - a. **Minister's report:**
 - The April 27 **Installation Ceremony** was memorable and deeply appreciated;
 - The **Coming of Age** worship service wrapped up the Faith Formation year
 - **Little Banned Book Library** reveal celebrated and covered by local media
 - **Media tech** is preparing for Jackie Wedeking's departure June 6; Matt Wilde will assume primary role with support of member volunteers, relying on the manual created by Jackie. Continue to build volunteer training and depth.
 - Following her father's passing in early May, Rev. Carin will keep up apprised of her need for personal time.
 - b. **Treasurer's Report:** all is well; noted that insurance cost increased by 30%;
Motion to approve by Cate, seconded by Marcy; unanimous approvals.
5. **Board Training – Guarding the Institution: Balancing Stability and Vision** Pendency vs. stabilization as we move from uncertainty and survival mode into finding our footing, and recognizing accomplishments:
 - a. Envisioning our goals
 - b. Start-up sessions to recognize and honor our history, challenges,
 - c. Worship associates
 - d. Stewardship
 - e. Nomination team
 - f. Board governance through tumultuous times
 - g. Settled minister!
 - h. Rebuilding: examining how we operate, identify necessary adjustments or changes
6. **Planning Our Priorities, the Next Step** – Steve, Lu and Cate and/or Robyn M-K met and developed an overview of the Listening Session results to present at the Congregational Meeting.
 - a. Summary of what's working: welcomed a settled minister, strong stewardship, technological outreach, music, green initiatives
 - b. Priorities:

- i. *Looking outward* (tech education, social justice work, becoming a member of the neighborhood)
 - ii. *Exploring faith* (Faith formation, adult education, forums)
 - iii. *Building and grounds maintenance and improvement* (accessibility and safety)
- c. Next Steps in Discernment:
 - i. A summary; the first step in a long walk; could mean revisiting ends statements to reflect congregational sentiment and values.

7. New Business

- a. Congregational Meeting prep
 - i. Brenda will present Stewardship report and Lu will present Faith Formation report.
 - ii. 40% needed for quorum; membership lists are ready.
 - iii. Funeral policy revisions will be described by Steve and made available online
- b. Policy & Procedures for PCUU public position statements – tabled
- c. Policy & procedures for receiving donations – tabled
- d. Reminder to be vigilant about online security

8. Upcoming Calendar of events

- a. **Congregational Meeting – May 19 following worship**
- b. **June Board meeting – TBD (4th Thursday?)**

9. Extinguish Chalice – Rev. Carin, with reading by Mary Oliver

10. Adjourn – 8:30 p.m.