

FPUU PARISH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, October 10, 2024

A child's chalice was lit and our meeting commenced at 7:10pm.

The previous minutes of September 2024 were accepted with one correction, the addition of Jen McGonagle-Dziedzick. The secretary regrets the error.

Attendance: Ann Svensen, Erin Splaine, Kate Glennon, Charlie Ruddy, Carol Sullivan-Hanley, Jen McGonagle-Dziedzick, and Erica Boyle, online.

Treasurer's Report: Erica reported that our current assets are \$63,280.65. This includes Bank Accounts, NEW Operating Checking, Parsonage Escrow, PayPal and Venmo.

Endowment Update: The review of management through Fidelity and Boston Management are being considered. Both offer more clarification and transparency. Quarterly reports will be easier to access. Also, a review of restricted scholarships for Star Island and a graduating senior will begin once more. It is a tradition that stopped with the pandemic. Cathie McGowan and Richard Towle are steering this effort.

Minister's Report: Erin shared the scope and sequence of the search committee and the approaching deadlines of parish-wide sharing of information about the search.

Review of Action Items: Ann will send out a welcome back letter to all parishioners based on Cathie's 9 reasons draft that elaborates on the many "perks" that this church provides and why we all should keep coming back.

Jane and Howard have agreed to lead a nature trail walk that is accessible and family friendly on an upcoming Sunday afternoon.

A wonderful committee has gathered to write the Music Director job description and begin to make connections with UUA's resources. Members of this committee include: Beth, Janey, Cathy K., Cathie M., Lin, Vicki and Carol.

The Search Committee continues to gather very detailed report information for the UUA in presenting our portfolio. They are working diligently. They too have requested financial funds for \$150.00. The PC voted unanimously to support this expenditure.

Religious Education is off to a great start with our new director, Tricia, and volunteering church members. The Lego curriculum is popular with all. Each week there appears to be more and more children. We, too, are hoping to increase the number of parish adults to "co-teach" with Tricia. She now has an e-mail address and posts activities present and upcoming.

Staffing: Carol has reached out to choir and community members for the Music Director search. Ann, Kate, Erica, and Erin will draft administrative responsibilities as systems begin to change.

Services/Programming: The priorities were services, RE, fellowship and caring and concerns. Erin is seeking a point person for chalice lighters and readers. RE now has a new teacher and supportive committee. Diane Jordan has graciously taken on the leadership role with Caring and Concerns.

Organizational: Jen asks for some direction on "system review" and will work on it this month.

Adjournment: 9:05pm. The next Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 14 at 7:00 pm