

FPUU PARISH COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, November 11, 2024

A child's chalice was lit, our "post-election fears" were expressed and validated. Our meeting commenced at 7:06 pm.

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

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

Finance:

Treasurer's Report: Erica reported that our current assets are \$74,830.13. This includes Bank Accounts, NEW Operating Checking, Parsonage Escrow, PayPal and Venmo.

Endowment: The review of management through Fidelity and Boston Management were being considered. It appears that Boston Financial offers more clarification and transparency. Quarterly reports will be easier to access and there will be a better split between stocks and bonds. Also, a review of restricted scholarships for Star Island and a graduating senior will begin once more. In addition, the reestablishment of the Neeley Scholarship which will aid an elderly woman in need. Also, there is 25,000.00 gifted by Gail Anderson's family in her memory. Since she had such an affinity for the FPUU kitchen; whether it was preparing and distributing food for Unity dinners or coordinating Sunday Coffee-Hours; we feel that an expenditure in this area location would celebrate her involvement and please her family.

Fundraisers: All hands are "on deck" for the event which will occur on December 7th from 9am – 2pm. Bob Murdock has completed the training and earned a certificate to run a "safe kitchen". Therefore, soups, chowders and chilis will be served for lunch with dining tables set in the RE section of the Sloop Room. The church will be open on Friday from 9-??? to set up and price items and prepare the children's crafts and "shopping" opportunities.

Minister's Report/ Search: Erin shared the scope and sequence of the search committee and the approaching deadlines of parish-wide sharing of information about the search. The results of the B4 workshop survey on October 19th have been shared. Just about all of the needed documents have been gathered and sent. There was one change in that there will be a guarantee for four years' salary instead of the vaguer four to five years.

Erin has also been participating in a Minister's Study Group.

Religious Education: There are participating children every Sunday. Tricia is doing a great job and sharing summaries and "coming attractions" each week in What's Happening. She is now choosing and reading the Story for all Ages with great success. It is apparent that a formal registration form should be

completed by each family documenting allergies, health concerns and emergency contact numbers. This is “in the works”, by committee members.

Staffing: Carol reported that a “new and improved” realistic description for the Music Director has been written. She is still awaiting feedback from committee members for the final draft. The “work in progress” document will be presented at our PC meeting on December 12th.

There was a request to move to Executive Session at 8:03pm. We were in Executive Session from 8:03 – 8:50pm.

Services/Programming: We will begin to prepare for the holiday season and address remaining issues from the agenda at our next meeting.

Adjournment: 9:00pm

