

2nd Congregational Meeting House Society, Unitarian Universalist
Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting
March 19, 2019
5:15-7:30pm

5:15 Call to Order: President, Susan Richards

Opening words: Rob Dunbar

Notetaker: Natalie Chambers

Spiritual Leadership:

- Book Discussion: From Upcycle Your Congregation - "The Future of Music is Collaboration and Connection" Pgs 77-79 - (Open discussion up to congregation - Rob, Joanne, and Susan)
- Committee Reports
 - * Communication (Alison)
 - * Channels of Communication (Kat, Natalie, Paul, Rob)
 - * Archives (Joanne)
 - * Garden (Bartlett tree jobs) (Joanne)
 - * AR (Rob)
 - * Parsonage Renovation (Carl)
 - * RE (Review of Safe Church policy) (Susan)
 - * Check in from all liaisons; Susan - 7th Principle, Natalie - Caring, Rob - Music
- Minister's Report for 2 months (Rev Linda - back on 3/15)

Consent Agenda:

- (a) Minutes from February meeting
- (b) Treasurer's Report

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

6:00 Operational Issues

- Wee Green update (Paul)
- Hendrix Hall piano update (Paul)
- Faro de Luz agreement for use of space (Paul)
- Insurance video check-in (Susan)

Review of Bicycle Rack:

- **“Bicycle Rack”** (ongoing items which still need to be dealt with by the Board; crossed out when completed)
 - Treasurer replacement plan
 - 4th of July debrief (Jack in May 2019?)
 - Auction debrief (and formation of post-auction committee)
 - Garden plans (in time for May use))
 - Parsonage
 - Capital project – planning and pricing stage; progressing slowly
 - Annual maintenance by Buildings and Grounds
 - Meeting House maintenance issues (Buildings and Grounds)
 - Tower leaks
 - ~~Broken window outside to left of HH entrance~~
 - ~~Broken window inside to right of HH entrance~~
 - Ramp door to Sanctuary sticking
 - AR door sticking
 - Complete lighting project (emergency lights installed)
 - Windows project: in progress
 - Exterior repair and painting project: next (CPC Sept 2019?)
 - AR Projects
 - ~~Complete floor and trim~~
 - Columns
 - ~~Painting~~
 - Rug by office (Rob or B&G?)
 - More sound reduction? (Keepers style? -\$50/each - 10 to start?)
 - Sanctuary Sound
 - Podium
 - Handhelds
 - ~~Hearing loop: 100% done? Do we have at least one spare?~~
 - Overall sound volume and clarity
 - HH hearing loop system??? (need a person ot research, design, build, run)

7:00 Strategic Issues (Mission, Vision, Goals)

- Hilary Allen (New England Region Innovation and Growth consultant) event
- March 29th (Susan and Paul)
 - *12:55pm Small group will meet Hilary at Hyline and get her to Meeting House
 - *2:30-3:30 Hilary has time alone to settle in
 - *3:30-5:15pm: First Activity Session
 - short break
 - *5:30-7:15pm - Second Activity Session
 - *7:20-8:00pm: Supper brought in to AR for those attending Second

Activity

8: 20: Hilary on ferry

- Board Retreat - on Saturday, April 6th, 9am-3pm in AR - Focus will be on GROWTH
 - * Elevator Speech development (Susan will lead activity)
 - *Follow up from Hilary Allen's talk on Church Growth
 - * Vision Statement brainstorm
 - *Review all goals in connection to our Mission Statement
 - * Review of Kim's notes

7:20 Members' Concerns - New Business

7:30 Adjournment

Important Dates:

March 24th - Board Coffee Hour

March 29th - Hilary Allen - Growing our Congregation Event

April 6th - 9am-3pm - Board Retreat

April 16th - Board Meeting

April 21 - Board Coffee Hour

Committees and Board Liaisons

Ministry: Peter Richards	Nominating: Susan Richards
Buildings & Grounds: Rev Linda	Finance: Paul Stewart
RE: Susan Richards	Caring: Alison Forsgren
7 th Principle: Susan Richards	Membership: Susan Richards
Lay Led: Kat Robinson Grieder	Music: Rob Dunbar
Docents: Peter Richards	Garden: Joanne Polster
Fundraising: Alison Forsgren	Pledge Campaign: Paul Stewart
Pledge Appreciation: Susan Richards	Activities Room: Rob Dunbar
Communications: Alison Forsgren	Parsonage Renovation: Carl Borchert
Archives: Joanne Polster	Hospitality (Coffee Hour): Peter Richards

Our Vision (A work-in-progress, drafted at the trustees retreat 2/18/2012, revised at retreat 3/16/2013).

“We are becoming an open, diverse, loving and respectful, compassionate and supportive congregation. Building on the foundation of Sunday worship services with uplifting music and inspiring and challenging sermons, we are becoming a place where there are exciting, provocative, interesting, and fun year-round youth and adult programs that motivate involvement of the congregation in the direction of community outreach and social justice.”

Our Mission (approved by the Congregation on August 5, 2018)

Working toward a more just and inclusive society, our congregation supports spiritual growth and service with open doors, minds, and hearts:

Open doors for welcoming our diverse island communities and visitors;

Open minds for exploring differing ideas and beliefs;

Open hearts for deepening our connection with others and ourselves.

Congregational Goals (approved by the Congregation May, 2016)

- Goal #1 To develop an effective Communication Plan

In order to achieve this goal, we will

1. increase our PR opportunities and develop more Informational Materials
2. seek opportunities for Free Stories in the Inky Mirror and other publications

3. improve our Welcoming Strategies for visitors and prospective new members
 4. develop a unique Logo for our Nantucket congregation
- Goal #2 To continue to foster Social Justice initiatives

In order to achieve this goal, we will

 1. participate fully in 7th Principle Project initiatives, which include recycling, food rescue, the community garden, and welcoming immigrants and summer workers
 2. encourage Volunteerism by the congregation
 - Goal #3 To make a firm commitment to Lifelong Religious Exploration

In order to achieve this goal, we will

 1. establish a Junior Youth Group for ages 9-12
 2. provide more opportunities for Small Group Ministry
 3. offer more Adult Education courses and workshops
 - Goal #4 To involve more members of the congregation in Leadership

In order to achieve this goal, we will

 1. create a Fundraising Committee
 2. strengthen the Pledge Committee and expand its active months
 3. increase participation and training of Lay Leaders