

**2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Meeting House Society, Unitarian Universalist  
Agenda for Board of Trustees Meeting  
January 22,2019 5:15-7:30pm**

**5:15 Call to Order:** Val Hall

**Opening words:** Susan Richards (5 mins)

**Spiritual Leadership:**

- Committee Reports (5 mins each)
  - (a) Pledge solicitation update (Peter Richards)
  - (b) Membership Certification (Susan Richards)
  - (c) Music (Val Hall)
  - (d) Communications (Rev Linda)
- Minister's Report (Rev Linda) (10 mins)

**Consent Agenda:**

- (a) Minutes from the December 18 meeting (Val Hall) (5 mins)
- (b) Treasurer's Report (Peter Richards) (5 mins)

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

**6:00 Operational Issues**

- Agenda for Annual Meeting (Val Hall) (5 mins)  
ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATIONAL ONLY
- Request for special collection on January 27 (Rev Linda) (5 mins)  
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL AND DATE
- New Insurance proposal (Rev Linda for Paul Stewart) (5 mins)  
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MOTION  
**MOVE that the Board of Trustees, acting as the Proprietors of the Second Congregational Meetinghouse in Nantucket, accept in principle the recent Insurance Proposal from Church Mutual and authorize and direct the Treasurer to negotiate, manage, and finalize the transfer from the old coverage to Church Mutual**
- Hendrix Hall piano replacement (Val Hall for Barbara Elder) (10 mins)  
ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MOTION  
**MOVE that the Board of Trustees accept the gift of a Yamaha grand piano for Hendrix Hall from Deborah Beale to replace the Chickering piano. While Deborah has offered to pay for moving the Yamaha to the church, the Meeting House must pay for removal of the Chickering . Therefore it is further moved that the Board of Trustees allocate up to \$1,000 for such move, once a home has been found for the Chickering piano.**
- Future term limit motions for summer Annual Meeting (Val Hall) (10 mins)

## ACTION REQUESTED: PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION

- Spring retreat date and agenda (Rev Linda) (10 mins)

## ACTION REQUESTED: INFORMATIONAL DISCUSSION

- Rev Linda's evaluation follow-up (esp. growth) (Susan Richards) (20 mins)

## ACTION REQUESTED: DISCUSSION (TO BE CONT. AT RETREAT)

- **“Bicycle Rack”** (ongoing items which still need to be dealt with by the Board; crossed out when completed)
  - Treasurer replacement plan
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July debrief
  - Auction debrief (and formation of post-auction committee)
  - Garden plans (now is the time for action)
  - 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
  - South Church Preservation Fund issues
    - Leadership (no active officers!)
      - 1) No meetings in over a year
      - 2) Falling behind on tax returns
    - 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
    - More sound reduction?
  - Sanctuary Sound

- Podium
- Handhelds
- ~~Hearing loop: 100% done? Do we have at least one spare?~~
- Overall sound volume and clarity
- HH hearing loop system???
- Hire Music Director for May, 2019 (Barbara Elder working on

### **7:00 Strategic Issues**

- Vision (see p. 4) Wait until spring retreat?
- Congregational Goals - (see p. 4) Do we want to revisit and align with the 7 Principles after the Retreat?

### **7:15 Members' Concerns**

### **7:30 Adjournment**

#### **Committees and Board Liaisons**

Ministry: Peter Richards	Nominating: Susan Richards
Buildings & Grounds: Rev Linda	Finance: Paul Stewart
RE: Susan Richards	Caring: Alison Forsgren
7 <sup>th</sup> Principle: Alison Forsgren	Membership: Susan Richards
Lay Led: Kat Robinson Grieder	Music: Val Hall
Docents: Peter Richards	Garden: Nancy Mack, Joanne Polster
Fundraising: Alison Forsgren	Pledge Campaign: Paul Stewart
Pledge Appreciation: Susan Richards	Activities Room: Nancy Mack
Communications: Alison Forsgren	Parsonage Renovation:

#### **Important Dates**

Board Coffee Hour: January 27  
 Annual Meeting: January 27, after service  
 International Potluck: February 1, 6 pm  
 Lay Led Service: February 17  
 Next Board Meeting: February 19 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)  
 Pre-retreat Meeting with Hillary Allen: March 29, 4-8 pm (open to Congr.)  
 Board Retreat: Saturday April 6, 9am – 3pm

**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 7<sup>th</sup> 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