

**2nd Congregational Meeting House Society, Unitarian Universalist
Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2019
5:15pm
Meeting Notetaker: Kat Robinson Grieder**

Present: Susan Richards President, Kat Robinson Grieder Vice-President,
Peter Richards Clerk, Paul Stewart Treasurer, Joanne Pollster, Carl Borchert,
Rob Dunbar, Rev Linda Simmons

Via phone: Alison Forsgren

Absent: Natalie Chambers

5:10 Call to Order - Susan

Opening words: Susan - 2 paragraphs from the chapter

Spiritual Leadership:

- Book/Growth Discussion - From Upcycle Your Congregation - - Chapter One - Pages 1-12; "The New Revised Standard Version of Our Story" - Spirited discussion - Joanne wants to have a separate discussion time for this topic... so much to talk about this - Friday, June 14th potluck 5:00pm - at Joanne's Alison and Carl can't come - offer a different date? Have all growth topics at beginning and move committee updates to end... - bullet point special areas
- Ministers Update (to include Committee on Ministry update) - Rev Linda Gender Queer update - great! The goal is incarnation
Vacation- June 24-July 5

LEAVE AN HOUR FOR COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT NEXT MONTH'S MEETING!

Committee Check-Ins (no more than 5 minutes each please): MOVE COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS TO END

- Garden and SCFP closet- Joanne - we will be able to use them once SCFP agrees to pull out... wonderful meeting on Sunday 5/19 with Marty, Nancy, Paul, coming up with new plan that Nancy drew up - stone wall by path - with plantings - benches - will be happening in Fall...
- Music Update/ Music at noon program - Rev Linda/Paul -no vote taken today - ask that noon day concerts not be treated as a fundraiser....this won't be a budget income line - Paul cautions Discussion still in process - will add more facets and vote on next month
- Communications - **Next month this report and discussion should take up the bulk of our meeting**

- Parsonage - Carl - insulation will be happening soon and windows are being researched and will be done soon too... work in progress
- Auction - Alison - sent out email - what do we want to contribute to the auction - board volunteers - items with a theme grouped together
- 4th of July - Jack - need to find someone now to shadow -
- Task Force: Rev Linda, Alison (will be head usher), Jack - crowd control

6:00 Consent Agenda:

- (a) Minutes from the previous meeting - Alison
(June notetaker?) - approved with change to Summer concert
- (b) Treasurer's Report - Paul

ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

6:15 Operational Issues:

- Sanctuary Windows update - Paul - windows are here - still waiting for installation - could do another service in Hendrix Hall
- Sanctuary Sound - Paul - it's great and under budget!!! Thanks to Barbara - she worked really hard on this!
- Signs of other congregations that use the Meeting House - Paul - Gary and John Merson will be in charge.... Faro de Luz and Mosque of the Ocean - **Motion - to create a task force to work on this - unanimously approved**

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

- Promotional brochure - Rev Linda - Paul, Emma, and Rev Linda put together first draft - needs some work - Kat - no big blocks of text - a turn off - bigger pictures - use elevator speeches - Communications committee take a look at this.... 2 different drafts - look at in June
- How to include Summer members in our growth discussion - Susan - succinct take away from retreat - during the week discussions at parsonage - set dates - June - include goals - Thursday, June 13th - at 4:30pm - Susan at Parsonage
Thursday July 18th at 4:30pm ... Sunday August 4 after service
- Elevator Speeches - Susan - Alison will cut and paste and send out beforehand....
- Growth goals - review of Retreat conclusions - Susan and Rev Linda
- July 21st - Celebration of REv Linda at Congregational meeting - something during the service too.... Linda- sermon - other congregants could talk about their experiences with Rev Linda -
- Celebration of congregants we've lost - special service - Thanksgiving - what our ancestors have taught us....

7:20 Members' Concerns/New Business - Board coffee hours - 5th Sundays
(June 30, Sept 29, December 29)

7:30 Adjournment

Committees and Board Liaisons

Ministry: Peter Richards

Buildings & Grounds: Rev Linda

RE: Susan Richards

7th Principle: Susan Richards

Lay Led: Kat Robinson Grieder

Docents: Peter Richards

Fundraising: Alison Forsgren

Pledge Appreciation: Susan Richards

Communications: Alison Forsgren

Archives: Joanne Polster

Nominating: Susan Richards

Finance: Paul Stewart

Caring: Natalie Chambers

Membership: Susan Richards

Activities Room: Rob Dunbar

Garden: Joanne Polster

Pledge Campaign: Paul Stewart

Parsonage Renovation: Carl Borchert

Hospitality (Coffee Hour): Peter Richards

Important Dates:

Tuesday, June 4 at 5:15pm - Agenda Setting Meeting - AR

Friday, June 7 at 5:30pm - Bacculaureate - Sanctuary and AR

Tuesday, June 18 at 5:15pm - BOT Meeting - AR

Sunday, June 30 - Board hosted Coffee Hour

Sunday, July 21, 12:15pm - Summer Congregational Meeting in AR

July 23-25 - Auction in Sanctuary

Monday, July 29 5:30pm J-1 Visa Dinner

Wednesday, August 7 at 5:30pm: Summer gathering at Stewarts

Monday, August 19th at 5:30pm: J-1 Visa Dinner

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.

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.”

Committee work (from the Bike Rack)

Finance Committee:

- Treasurer replacement plan

Fundraising Committee:

- 4th of July
- Auction

Buildings and Grounds:

- Garden
- Parsonage (Capitol project)
- Annual maintenance
- Meeting House maintenance issues:
 - * Tower leaks
 - * Ramp door sticking
 - * AR door sticking

- South Church Preservation Fund issues:
 - *Complete lighting project
 - *Windows project - in process
 - * Exterior repair and painting project (Sept 2019?)

- AR projects:
 - * Columns
 - * Rug by office
 - * More sound reduction?

- Sanctuary Sound:
 - * Podium
 - *Handhelds
 - *Overall sound volume and clarity

- HH hearing loop system

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