

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF NEWARK

Call to Fall State of the Fellowship Congregational Meeting
Sunday October 13, 12:00pm

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and call to order

Chalice lighting

Establish quorum

- Quorum was established.

Vote on approving Beverly LaRock, President-Elect

- Beverly LaRock was unanimously approved as President-Elect.

Vote on approving Anne Green, Board Member at Large

- Anne Green was unanimously approved as Member at Large.

Vote on approving May 2019 Congregational Meeting minutes

- Motion was made to approve the May 2019 Congregational Meeting minutes. Two members abstained. Motion to approve the minutes was passed.

President's Update (Carol Boncelet)

- The updated Lay Leadership chart is in the hallways. Please take a look when you have a chance.
- Committees and teams make the work of this fellowship happen. Carol thanked our leaders and everyone for stepping up and asked everyone to please keep recruiting our friends and neighbors.
- We are fully staffed, we are in a healthy financial position, and we had enough money available to pave our parking lot recently.
- We have a fully engaged board.

Minister's Update (Rev. Don Garrett)

- Thank you for a warm welcome to UUFN. This is Rev. Garrett's 4th Sunday service here in just over two months. Rev. Garrett will continue be at UUFN on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month and the first four Wednesdays of each month.

Religious Education Coordinator's Update (Andrea Harding)

- Andrea mentioned that November 9th is the Women's Retreat, and the upcoming Saturday is the Delmarva cluster meeting.
- Summer arts programming was completed: yoga, bucket drumming, music workshop, painting, and the popular take-apart party.

- The children under 5 are in the nursery. The elementary focus this year is UU beliefs and traditions. Upper elementary group has been learning about the environment and humanity.
- The youth group now meets two Sundays a month during service and they are doing volunteer work one Sunday a month. The youth group is hoping to take the trip to GA in June in Rhode Island and they are doing community service work in to raise funds for the trip. Please email Andrea or Juan if you have any yard work or other light work that you need completed. Your donation will support their trip to GA.
- Young adult group has re-convened. They are volunteering with the RE program.
- Adult RE is sponsoring the upcoming UU 101 event.
- Trunk-or-Treat is October 27th after service.
- The holiday play and party is on December 15th.

Treasurer's Report (Gerry Brunner, Chair of Finance Committee)

- Gerry reviewed results of the past fiscal year (2018-19): Our income was a little less than budget. However, our income exceeded our expenses. We ended the year with a positive cash flow due to expense savings. This savings has put us in a good financial position this year to focus on capital improvements, if need be.
- The cost of the parking lot paving project will be reflected in the 2019-20 fiscal year budget, even though it was completed in June (since it was paid in the 2019-20 year).
- Outstanding pledges: It has come to our attention recently that the outstanding pledge balance does not seem accurate. This is likely due to booking pledges incorrectly in the past. The board recently agreed to write off pledges from 2016-2017 and prior. For any outstanding pledges in 2017-2018 and forward, the bookkeeper will be reaching out to individuals to request an update on any outstanding pledge payments. This will help us clear up our accounts receivable.
- The big take-aways: We are doing well on a month-to-month basis. We have enough cash to handle our regular activities. In terms of maintenance and repairs, we have prepared for these financially.

Endowment Committee Update

- The Endowment Committee currently has \$5,700 available for qualifying projects and programs. Groups are encouraged to fill out an application no later than Friday, November 15th. Please email endowment@uufn.org for more details and information.

Extinguish chalice and adjourn meeting

- Thank you for coming!