

# UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF NEWARK

Call to Fall State of the Fellowship Congregational Meeting  
Sunday October 25, 2020 at 11:30am

## MEETING MINUTES

### **Welcome and call to order**

### **Chalice lighting**

### **Establish quorum**

- Quorum was established.

### **Vote on approving Jane Luke to the Leadership Development Committee**

- Jane Luke was unanimously approved as Member at Large.

### **Treasurer's Report (Glen Schmeising)**

- Glen reviewed the timeline for next year's budget. Budget requests need to be received by February 1, 2021.
- Glen reviewed the Statements of Financial Position at the end of our last fiscal year (ending June 30, 2020) and Statement of Receipts and Expenses.
- If you have any questions after the meeting about financials, please email [treasurer@uufn.org](mailto:treasurer@uufn.org).
- The big take-aways: Due to our conservative budgeting for this current year, we have a positive balance and may want to consider using our funds for maintenance and repair at our property, perhaps give staff raises, and also increase our fair share to UUA this year. A task force has come together to evaluate the ceiling in MacKinnon. An RFP will be released soon to help us evaluate the work that needs to be done.
- Glen will be sending out the financials to the congregation as a follow up to this meeting.

### **Minister's Update (Rev. Don Garrett)**

- UUFN has been doing very well considering the state of the world around us. Our Zoom worships have been well attended. Small groups and committees are meeting by Zoom. Despite some feelings of anxiety about the uncertainty, Don encourages us to celebrate the vibrance of our fellowship life together.

### **Religious Education Coordinator's Update (Andrea Harding)**

- This fall has been a year of change as we try to meet the needs of our children and families. We have 5 groups – chalice children (meet by Zoom each week), lower elementary class (Greta's Friends, Zoom), upper elementary class (meeting on Sundays, maker space theme tied to our principals), youth group (5 members), young adult group (10 members).

- In the summer, we had a parent check-in meeting every other week.
- The elementary classes just made “go bags” for the food insecure.
- We hosted a Talent Show on Zoom at the end of September.
- Halloween Zoom party on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Please joins us if you are interested.
- The holiday pageant will happen over Zoom on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

### **President’s Update (Beverly LaRock)**

- Keeping connection throughout the fall and through the winter is going to be so important to our fellowship. We need to stay connected intentionally. If you have any ideas about ways to stay in touch and spend time together, please reach out.
- We would love to host an online auction this year, if anyone is willing to take that on.
- UUA is currently recommending not to start in-person services until the Spring of 2021.
- We have updated COVID policies if you do plan to reserve/use a room in our building. Please make sure you are following guidelines and protocols to keep everyone safe. This includes taking the temperature of everyone in attendance using the thermometer provided by UUFN. Please also make sure to lock the doors upon leaving the building.

### **Announcements**

- Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, the Labyrinth committee is sponsoring an in-person walk at the Star Campus. Please email [Labyrinth@uufn.org](mailto:Labyrinth@uufn.org) to sign up.
- Worship will be hosting an in-person Winter Solstice candle light procession. Please email [Labyrinth@uufn.org](mailto:Labyrinth@uufn.org) to sign up. This is on December 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Social Justice team is looking at trying to support UUFN members who are going to be poll workers, observers, etc. We would like to know who is doing this work, so we can support you! We have masks to give out to the poll workers to hand out to people who are voting. Please email [SocialJustice@uufn.org](mailto:SocialJustice@uufn.org) to let us know if you plan to be a poll worker.

### **Extinguish chalice and adjourn meeting**

- Thank you for coming!