

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF NEWARK

Call to Winter State of the Fellowship Congregational Meeting
Sunday January 24, 2021 at 11:30am

MEETING MINUTES

Welcome and call to order

Chalice lighting

Establish quorum

- Quorum was established.

Vote on approving October 2020 Congregational minutes

- October 2020 minutes were unanimously approved.

Vote on approving Ashley Cunha as new endowment committee member

- Ashley Cunha unanimously approved as an endowment committee.

Vote on Endowment Grants

- Lois Hoffman shared that there was \$5,500 available this cycle and \$2,600 was requested between RE and Communication.
- The endowment grants were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report (Glen Schmeising)

- The financial reports were sent out to the congregation on January 23, 2021 with a summary and highlights.
- Glen reviewed the statement of income and expenses through December, 31, 2020.
- We budgeted conservatively for this fiscal year, due to uncertainty related to the pandemic and the anticipated need for improvements to the building. We allocated less than our fair share to UUA.
- If you have any questions after the meeting about financials OR if you are interested in joining the finance committee, please email treasurer@uufn.org.
- Budget requests are due on Sunday, February 14th.

Minister's Report (Rev. Don Garrett)

- Throughout the past couple of months, the worship group has been integrating with the task force that is discussing the upgrade to the audio system and ceiling in MacKinnon Hall. We are receiving great audio/visual advice and assistance as we plan for upgrades.

Religious Education (RE) Report (Andrea Harding)

- Thank you for all the gifts around the holidays.

- The youth did a holiday play over Zoom. We did a holiday party, craft party, and cookie decorating party.
- The focus
- Younger elementary, upper elementary, and chalice children meeting regularly on Zoom. Youth group meets as well, as their schedules allow.
- Greta's Friends continues to meet once a month.
- We have gained one family since the fall.
- We continue to prepare Go-Bags with social justice committee.
- We are hoping to visit Big Creek with the youth group this year (in West Virginia).
- We are excited for the upcoming Mardi Gras party on February 12th, 2021.

President's Report (Beverly LaRock)

- Thank you, everyone, for the things you do – big and small.
- We have 121 active members right now. And it does take all of us to keep our UUFN running and vibrant.
- There's nothing coming from UUA in terms of guidance for reopening, but Bev participates in a network of congregational presidents. No one has reopening in person just yet.
- As we approach warmer weather, we can work on having events outside in a safe manner.
- I am amazed at the creativity that our congregation has shown during this time in our lives.

Extinguish chalice and adjourn meeting

- Thank you for coming!