

Board of Trustee Minutes – September 15, 2023

Attending: Jonathan Nye, Danielle Jeanloz, Joan Caputo, Joe Zahka, Beth Avery, Naomi Turner, Liz VanWye, Ed Mangiafico, Tracy Johnson

The Meeting was opened at 3:03 pm.

Reverend Tracy Johnson read an opening reading and lit a chalice.

Joe Zahka had an urgent matter to discuss. We are expecting a tropical storm this weekend. Jimmy Tingle is scheduled to perform Saturday night and lead our sermon on Sunday. Joe indicated that Jimmy Tingle was willing to come from Cambridge but was also available October 7 and 8. After some discussion it was decided to postpone the performance and service for this weekend and reschedule at the later date. We will show the video "The Miracle on Main Street" about the beginnings of UUMH on Sunday, September 17. It was brought to us by Evan Howard , whose mother, Marie, was a founding member.

The Consent Agenda was considered. There were a few technical problems with the minutes. Naomi volunteered to proofread the draft of minutes in the future for our secretary with thanks from her. The Consent Agenda was then accepted.

We are now officially supporting a Boy Scout Troop. Gail Eldredge has worked hard to bring this goal into effect. She will bring the Scouts to our service on September 24 when we will welcome them.

Danielle Jeanloz reported on our hiring of Office Administrator. Dawn Dinnan has excellent technical skills, which is essential. Dawn can be reached through the UU Admin email at chathamuumh@gmail.com . Danielle will provide training for her.

The interim plan for redesign of our Crowell Rd intersection was presented by Jon Nye as a point of information only, as there is nothing for us to do now. This is a State of MA plan that is not presently active. If it moves forward, it will affect our property with the addition of a multi-use path. Some trees are planned to be removed.

Jon Nye reported on his attendance at the Program Council. The Council is examining some possible committee reorganizations, but no firm plans have been adopted yet.

We have continued contacts with The Center for Spiritual Journey, and, with Anne Bonney, Joan Caputo met with Sue Trask of First Parish about possible Social Justice cooperation. We will share both email and paper announcements of both churches' activities.

Jon Nye discussed our efforts at programming and a need to coordinate between the Board of Trustees and Program Council. We want to encourage programming ideas from all members of our congregation. How do we then bring them to fruition?

All attendees prefer the 3pm time for Board of Trustee meetings. Next meeting will be on October 20 at 3pm. Location to be determined.

Respectfully submitted, Joan Caputo, Secretary