

**2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational Meeting House Society, Unitarian Universalist  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
5:15pm  
Meeting Notetaker: Kat**

**5:15 Call to Order - Susan**

**Opening words: Alison**

**Spiritual Leadership:**

- Book/Growth Discussion - From Upcycle Your Congregation - - Chapter One - Pages 1-12; "The New Revised Standard Version of Our Story
- Ministers Update (to include Committee on Ministry update) - Rev Linda

**Committee Check-Ins (no more than 5 minutes each please):**

- Garden - Joanne
- Music Update/ Music at noon program - Rev Linda/Paul
- Communications - Next month this report and discussion should take up the bulk of our meeting
- Parsonage - Carl
- Auction - Alison
- 4th of July - Jack

**6:00 Consent Agenda:**

(a) Minutes from the previous meeting - Alison  
(June notetaker?)

(b) Treasurer's Report - Paul

**ACTION REQUESTED: APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**6:15 Operational Issues:**

- Sanctuary Windows update - Paul
- Sanctuary Sound - Paul
- Communications and Being Together Guidelines - Paul/Rev Linda
- Signs of other congregations that use the Meeting House - Paul

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

- Promotional brochure - Rev Linda
- How to include Summer members in our growth discussion - Susan
- Elevator Speeches - Susan
- Growth goals - review of Retreat conclusions - Susan and Rev Linda

**7:20 Members' Concerns/New Business**

**7:30 Adjournment**

**Committees and Board Liaisons**

Ministry: Peter Richards

Buildings & Grounds: Rev Linda

RE: Susan Richards

7<sup>th</sup> Principle: Susan Richards

Lay Led: Kat Robinson Grieder

Docents: Peter Richards

Fundraising: Alison Forsgren

Pledge Appreciation: Susan Richards

Communications: Alison Forsgren Parsonage Renovation: Carl Borchert

Archives: Joanne Polster

Hospitality (Coffee Hour): Peter Richards

Nominating: Susan Richards

Finance: Paul Stewart

Caring: Natalie Chambers

Membership: Susan Richards

Activities Room: Rob Dunbar

Garden: Joanne Polster

Pledge Campaign: Paul Stewart

**Important Dates:**

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

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

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

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 member 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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

