

UUC Board Meeting
May 14, 2026
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We, the UUC Board, seek informed collaboration and clarity in our work of supporting UUC ministries. We interact with respect, trust, deep listening, and curiosity. We affirm one another, and maintain fierce dedication to diversity and inclusion in our commitment to the community we serve, recognizing experiences and perspectives from all.

We communicate directly and with courageous love. When it arises, we engage in productive conflict. We are focused, accountable, and authentic. We laugh together. We maintain the trust and confidentiality of board members' contributions and speak with one voice regarding board actions.

In attendance:

Recorder:

7:00 PM - 7:10 PM

- Chalice Lighting, Reading (Joe Cooley) - theme of possibility, Check-in
- Review and Accept Agenda - Chris moved and Wayne seconded to accept the agenda as modified (new business added - Trustees update & Isabel Berney Award)

7:10 PM - 7:20PM

- Member Forum

7:20 PM - 7:30 PM

- Approve Consent Agenda - Cassy moved and Wayne seconded to accept and approve the consent agenda.
 - **Minister's Report**
 - **Administrator's Report**
 - **Director of Lifespan Faith Development's (DLFD) Report**
 - **Previous Meeting Minutes**
 - **Treasurer's Report**

7:30 PM - 8:10 PM

- Old Business
 - Update on Strategic Plan – [survey ready to go?](#)
 - The board walked through the google survey questions, discussing, and making a few modifications as needed based on board members experiences taking the survey. The board also added one last section/question to the end of the survey for open feedback.
 - Eagle Scout project for Carter Parrish
 - The project is mostly finished and Pam plans to add Carter into the May 31st celebration/events after service.
 - Call for General Assembly delegates
 - We do not have any volunteers for GA delegates currently. Pam and Rachel are signed up, but the timing might be difficult for those who work full-time, etc.
The board discussed how important it is for conferences to make connections networks across locations.

8:10 PM - 8:40 PM

- New Business

- Trustees update
 - The board will need to submit a petition to the court and documentation from the annual meeting. The board needs to **add this point to the annual meeting agenda**. The congregation must officially vote, according to the bylaws, on the three trustees of the congregation. There was discussion on the legal paperwork of the trustee forms, and Wayne volunteered to write up the forms based on available template formats.
 - We need to have minutes signed by the secretary to present to the court. The three individuals slated are Jim Kern, Dan Brown, and Nancy Bodenhorn.
- Isabel Berney Award
 - We will need to award this on May 24th so that the recipient will be present to receive. Joe will award as a member on the subcommittee.
- Updates to the budget
 - An anonymous donor made a generous donation to the UUC to cover the remainder of our goal amount for the budget funds.
 - We upped the auction amount by \$2000, and made some small changes to dividends. Adjustments were made to account for payroll taxes on our ministerial intern.
 - A note on the next year budget, Rachel will be credentialed after next year.
- Discuss survey - discussed in old business.
- Discuss quorum for annual meeting
 - The quorum is currently set for 50% for annual meetings, and our congregation is one of few who allow proxies. It was posed that we may want to review and put in our annual meeting agenda a question to change the percentage and consider not using proxies. This will be mentioned at the informational meeting to get thoughts and input before moving to a larger congregational annual meeting/vote.
- Getting ready for the annual meeting
 - Chris - PPT slides. Wayne will put the budget/treasurer information into slides. Recognize outgoing board members, staying board members, voting & new board members. Approve last years' minutes,
 - Angie to take annual meeting minutes, and we will need someone counting proxies (easier to count nos and abstentions). The board will acquire a parliamentarian.
 - We will briefly mention feedback from last year on board member lists and state what the leadership development committee did to address this. Pam and Jenny will send out the list of slated members tomorrow.

8:40 PM - 8:50 PM

- Upcoming meetings or special events
 - **May 24, 2026:** The Board will host an "Information Meeting and Q&A about the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget and Slate" on May 24, 2026, immediately following the service in the sanctuary.
 - **June 7, 2026:** The UUC will hold its "Annual Congregation Meeting" to vote on our 2026-2027 budget and slate of Board Members. This meeting will be after the service in the sanctuary.
 - **June 11, 2026:** Invite new Board members to attend our Board Meeting in June.

8:50 PM - 9:00 PM

- Check-out - Did we abide by our covenant?
- Next meeting reading:

9:00 PM

- Adjournment