

First Unitarian Society Board of Trustees Agenda

Date and Time: February, 2024 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Location: Courtyard AB and Zoom

Videoconference: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87482803298?pwd=Sm4wTUFTdUgzRUhGUWh0UUVVucStTZz09>

Meeting ID: 874 8280 3298, Passcode: 661865

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Attendees:

Trustees:

- Jenny Conroy, President (Governance Committee)
- Emily Cusic Putnam (Secretary)
- Ann Schaffer (Youth Mentor)
- Joy Stieglitz Gottschalk (Foundation Committee)
- Chuck Evenson (Personnel Committee)
- Emily Smith (Finance Committee)
- Ed Zapala

Youth Advisors:

- Zizi Brandt
- Mira Roffers
- Mason Shadle

Clergy and Staff:

- ~~Kelly Croeker~~
- Monica Nolan
- Kelly Weisman Asprooth-Jackson

Guests:

Materials:

- January Meeting Minutes
- Q2 Financials
- Congregation FAQ Draft
- 2023-2024 Focus Areas and Goals
- Open Question Summary
- Community Interviews Summary (from 2020 FUS Interim Ministry Team)

Vision: The vision of First Unitarian Society is to be a spiritual community of belonging. We will transform ourselves and society through the practices of radical welcome, deep listening, and compassionate, authentic connection. We envision a world fueled by love and justice.

Mission: At First Unitarian Society, we question boldly, listen humbly, grow spiritually, act courageously, and love unapologetically.

Focus Areas:

To make progress toward fulfilling our vision in 2023-2024, we prioritize:

1. Deepen our shared ministry by embracing the gifts of every person in the responsibility to care for each other and our community.
2. Cultivate authentic relationships as allies and partners in our community and denomination.
3. Mobilize to dismantle racism and other forms of systemic oppression to create justice, peace, and wholeness in our world.

INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW	Est. Duration
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Roles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening reading and chalice lighting: Emily S. ○ Timekeeper: Ed ○ Process observer: Chuck ○ Virtual Liaison (if needed): ● Opening Reading – Emily S. ● Check in ● Discussion of <u>Centering</u>: Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson and Response, pg. 103-126 ● Review of agenda 	25 minutes 6:30 – 6:55
CONSENT AGENDA	
Minutes from January Board Meeting – Emily CP	5 minutes
Committee and Task Force Reports: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Nominations Committee (no) ○ Governance Committee (no) ○ Finance Committee (yes) ○ Personnel Committee (no) ○ Leadership Team (yes) 	6:55 – 7:00
DISCUSSION	
Q2 Financials	10 minutes 7:00 - 7:10
Review Budget FAQ and Financial Forum Planning	20 minutes 7:10 – 7:30
FUS Unitarian Universalist Alliance Funds Discussion and Resolution <i>Motion: Name the Pathways program as successor to the FUS Unitarian Universalist Alliance for purposes of receiving earnings from the Alliance’s fund at the FUS Foundation.</i>	10 minutes 7:30-7:40
BREAK	10 minutes 7:40-7:50
2023 – 2024 Focus Areas/ Goals Review and 2024 – 2025 Focus Areas Discussion	30 minutes 7:50-8:20
Process check-in – Chuck <i>Process Observation: How well did we observe use of the Seven Norms of Collaboration: pausing, paraphrasing, posing questions, putting ideas on the table, presuming positive intentions, providing data, and pursuing balance between advocacy and inquiry?</i>	5 minutes 8:20 – 8:25
Closing reading – Emily S.	5 minutes 8:25 – 8:30
Adjourn	8:30

Assignments for next meeting: *Sign up for at least 5 slots throughout the year.* [Sign Up](#)

- Readings: Chuck
- Timekeeper: Mason
- Process Observer: Ed