

Unitarian Society of New Haven
Board Meeting
Minutes for 06/08/2023
Approved by the Board, 7/13/2023

Current Board members present:

David Jones, President	Bobbi Pace, Vice President
Terry Bohnhorst Blackhawk, Clerk	Kyle Manning
Christina Santoni	Becky Reeve
Joan Ciano	

Board members absent: Sue Trotta-Smith

Incoming Board members present (as guests):

Kathy Haskins	Alissa Chapin
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Management Team members present:

Jean Rosenthal	David Stagg
Becky Friedkin	

1. Call to order: Bobbi Pace, 7:00 p.m.
2. Chalice Lighting and Covenant reading by Bobbi Pace: “The End is the Beginning” by Katie Sivani Gelfand
3. Reading of Shared Covenant
4. Check-in: Following individual check-ins, Bobbi Pace asked Board members to comment on what we have learned about ourselves in working together the past year. Members expressed increased awareness of the USNH Covenant and appreciation for the judicious way the Board faced extraordinary challenges. Members noted openness to input from the congregation, compassion shown toward Rev. Lindasusan, and harmonious working relationship between Board and Management Team as contributing to our current positive financial position and optimistic outlook as a beloved community.
5. Agenda approval. The agenda was approved.
6. Approval of minutes: Joan Ciano moved approval of both minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board meeting and the June 4, 2023 Congregational meeting. Kyle Manning seconded. The approval passed unanimously.
7. Management Team report. MT members explained their procedures for reports and noted that MT has been in compliance re: staff compensation and benefits for staff.
8. Vice-president Bobbi Pace asked for current Board members to be a buddy for our new board members. Becky Reeve and Kyle Manning volunteered to be buddies.
9. Next meeting will be Thursday; July 13th
10. After Bobbi Pace gave UUA mugs as thank-you gifts to outgoing President David Jones, Board Member Christina Santoni, and MT member Joan Rosenthal in gratitude for their service to USNH, Board members enjoyed a dessert potluck (courtesy of Bobbi).
11. Bobbi Pace read “Our Deepest Fears” by Marianne Williamson
12. Bobbi Pace motioned to adjourn. Tina Santoni seconded. Adjournment 8:15

(no attachments)