



*Advocating for UU Values in the Nation's Capital*

UUSJ Board of Trustees Meeting Notes  
September 16, 2022

**Present:** Charlotte Jones-Carroll, Rev. Peggy Clarke, Chloe Emily Ockey, Mariano Vera, Johannes Favi, Meleah Houseknecht, Rev. Kristin Schmidt, Vonna Heaton, Serena Lowe, Mariano Vera, Norma Flores Lopez, Pablo DeJesus

- Welcome
- Check-In - Share an inspired moment in your justice work
- Comments by general membership on current business (if requested) none requested
- Determination of quorum (Secretary) and approval of agenda
  - Nine of 11 Board Members - determination of Quorum (Chloe Emily)
  - Motion to Approve Agenda - Mariano, Second - Vonna
- Consent Agenda:
  - Minutes of July 2022 meeting
  - Committee reports
  - Motion to approve - Peggy, Second - Chloe
- Treasurer's Report - Mariano
  - Two bank accounts (money market, checking) at Truist, solid cash position
  - Discussion in low interest rates – CDs only option Truist offered but risky if we need cash before date.
- Development Committee Report - Norma
  - Board fundraising, an invitation for brainstorming how we can bring folks in to support the organization
  - Committee is thinking up ways to keep momentum in volunteer work
  - Get the base excited for funding the mission, have conversations!
  - We have opportunities for widespread outreach - both personal and financial - how can we best use them?

- Scripts and Guidelines to be provided for trustees as to how we can approach possible donors and continue conversations
- Fall Event:
  - We don't have a confirmed speaker or a date yet, but it's in progress (S. Frederick Gray request sent)
  - There is also another speaker that Pablo and Charlotte are considering
  - Pablo would like to get the two UUs in Congress for speakers at some point
- Finance Committee
  - \$20,000 from UUFP, \$17,000 a while back, \$3K now
  - Managing QuickBooks is back in house as of July - Paulette is in charge of this now, took over from WES
- UUSJ Work Plan for FY22-23 (Pablo) – shared with board
  - Some updates to be made based on feedbacks
  - Leading teams into a space of advocacy when needed, not adhering to a schedule
  - Continuing to see strong showing in the Immigration Action Team and Democracy Action Team
  - Reenergize the two other teams, Environmental Team and Economic Justice Team
  - Talking with Tammy Johnson - Liberation Pathways, as well as UUUSJ for accountability and racial justice training.
    - Requirements for Tammy Johnson sessions
      - 3 90-minute training modules
    - How do we encourage our volunteers to take part in this?
      - A letter from the board?
    - Should we make this compulsory? Make it urgent and required but use “carrot” to entice
  - Communications Assistant - Chloe, Paulette, and Pablo created a job description. Pablo will be posting the job description soon, and board will cross post to other places. Pablo to share job description with trustees.
- Closing Reading - Rev. Kristin