



**Unitarian Universalists of Southern Delaware
Board of Trustees Business Meeting
March 26, 2025**

In attendance: Paul Barnette, Carol Huckabee, Beth Law,
Linda Marsden, Richard Wheeler, Rev. Heather Rion Starr

Guests: Kent Sprunger, Linda DeFeo, Dar Sellers

Check In and Chalice Lighting

- I. Call to Order- Paul Barnette called the meeting to order at 3:38 pm.
- II. Approve Agenda- A motion to approve the revised agenda was made by Beth Law and seconded by Richard Wheeler. The vote was unanimous to approve.
- III. Items for Action:
 - a. Review/Approve March 11 Planning Meeting Minutes- A motion to approve the revised minutes was made by Carl Huckabee and seconded by Linda Marsden. The vote was unanimous to approve.
- IV. Items for Discussion:
 - a. Pledge Campaign Update- Kent: Calls were made last week to 79 members who had not yet pledged. 35 on the list have since pledged. Received 8 pledges at the Sunday morning table. Campaign wraps up this Sunday. Letters went out this week to those who have not yet pledged. We are at 85% of our target, \$61,548 to go. We will likely not meet our goal by Sunday but will continue to accept pledges. Interest was expressed in creating a working group to look at the pledge process and how we can alter it to make it more successful.
 - b. Rescheduling April Business Meeting to April 30 - Paul/Richard: The April Business meeting will be moved to in person on April 30th.
 - c. Recap of Church Council Meeting - Carol: Minutes from the meeting were sent out to the Board. Three new initiatives: Purple Mug Patrol, Kindred Spirit affinity group, Mentorship program. New week long children's summer camp in August.
 - d. Sabbatical Update - Rev. Heather: Oct 2025 has previously been approved. A vote on the May-July 2026 and Jan-Feb 2027 sabbaticals has been tabled to our next meeting.
 - e. Update on Leika Lewis' May 25 Ordination - Rev. Heather: Leika's interview with the Ministerial Fellowship Committee is April 4th; assuming it goes well we will proceed with their ordination planning. Several people

have expressed interest in being on the planning committee; Marg Shannon will be the worship associate.

- f. Acknowledging Leadership Transitions - Rev. Heather: Leadership transitions will be acknowledged at the May 18th service.
- V. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.

Next Board Business Meeting: Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00 am (In-Person/Hybrid).

Respectfully submitted-

Beth Law

BOT Secretary