

**Board meeting, 5/21/2018**  
**Beacon Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summit**

Present: Tuli Patel, Chris Grazioso, Susan Spencer Cramer, Madhan Gounder, Janet Roberts, Emilie Boggis, Carol Miller, Michele Blanchard, Heather Turnbull, Robin Tanner (on phone), Dave Gordon (arrived late after motions)

--Centering and check in

--Janet motioned to approve April minutes; Madhan seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

--Carol moved to approve special meeting minutes; Janet seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

--Recap of budget meeting

--Annual meeting discussion

Janet will act as parliamentarian. A packet will be sent to the congregation.

--Heather made a motion authorizing Tuli to—upon election of the new officers for 2018-19 year—update all financial and investment accounts to reflect the new signators; Carol seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

--Update on Afternoon Music meeting

To address a concern of the Afternoon Music committee, Tuli added a new rider on our insurance policy that allows liquor usage in people's houses when entertaining people who have purchased an offering at the Services Auction. This will impact Afternoon Music as well.

--Onboarding of new board members

The newer members of the board will contribute ideas and thoughts on how to formalize this process.

--Board goals discussion: What should we focus on in the coming year?

- Finding more ways to communicate with the congregation
- Continuing to brainstorm ways to bring in supplemental income; broadly, a deeper dive into our financial future.
- A board retreat (will be held September 15 in Stillwater, NJ)
- Updating our policies, especially around safety. The new governance policy structure is still in progress.
- Mission-based budget
- Rolling three-year strategic plan—more of a living document with constant reevaluation of our mission that includes tasks (such as creating a team to look at facilities usage or staffing) and bigger goals. Also, a piece that looks at how we communicate this plan with the congregation.

Discussion of whether we should create a congregational covenant.

--Susan made a motion to adjourn; Carol seconded and the motion passed. Meeting concluded at 9:15.