

President's Report to the Board

I can hardly believe it is April 11 – Last year it seems that the moths dragged by and this year they are flying. We have a lot on our plates currently, so I am sure time will be speeding up for us. Since our last meeting things have been moving along smoothly. We are beginning to prepare for opening of our Sanctuary and welcoming back our members and friends. There will be a smaller group by way of snowbirds returning home and the loss of so many of our beloved members and friends. If nothing else Covid has taught us that life is precious and Our time is limited.

We have started our Search prep and chosen our committee. Brooke may have more to say about what they are doing but it feels good to finally stop talking about it and be doing it. In preparation for the interview process, and because of a change in the UUA processes, the team is working on the questions we are asked to respond to about our church and members. Please be available if they come to you for assistance on information, we are a part of this team.

In addition, Liz Thomas, a committee member is writing a temporary Safety Policy for our Church as part of the prep. This will come to the Board at the May meeting. We are also working on updating position descriptions for staff and creating the Charter for a future Personnel Committee. All these activities are part of readying ourselves for an Interim Minister.

The Party Planners are hard at work trying to resolve the issues of covid safety precautions, weather, number of attendees, food, service and how to keep everyone engaged, etc., We know it will happen and it will be a wonderful event.

We can rest easy knowing that because of Margaret – our PPP Loan from the SBA has been forgiven and the money is ours. I am sure Margaret will be reporting on that in her report. **Thank you again, Margaret.**

I met with the Membership committee and they are establishing a strategy for connecting with visitors and new members, A suggestion from our newest member Libby Christensen, is to hold a new/visitor member orientation to UUism and our Congregation. This could be offered 3 times a year and involve staff, committee members and Board. I believe that Libby is working on the structure of this offering currently.

We are still having our transient visitors. Lois and I will ask Kim to move one of the cameras to target the front of the Church and the trash area. This is an ongoing problem and one I don't see any permanent fix for until we have services for those who need housing and refuge.

As you noted on the agenda we are going to be discussing "Coming Back" – Terry, Brooke and I have spent numerous hours discussing when, how, and why to do this. We welcome your input and your thoughts on this decision. It has been a busy year and just for the moment- I would like to thank all the Board members for their commitment to this community and our goals. We have more to do but we know with our skills and caring we will get it done.

Yours in Faith, Friendship and Sincere Gratitude
Sherry

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