First Parish Brookline Congregational Budget Conversations
May 11, 14, 17, 2020
60 minutes

Called by Love, Sustained by Community, Committed to Justice

We strive to be a welcoming, diverse and loving congregation that nurtures spiritual growth for individuals and families, celebrates multicultural community, and works together to demand social justice, dismantle racism, and care for our living earth.

15 minutes
Gather, Welcome - Candle lighting and Reading
Agenda and Tech Review (Gene)
Decision-making process for the final budget (Gene)
  - Use the chatbox to intro self to everyone (everyone participating at once)
  - Use the whiteboard to share FPB's mission and the chatbox to respond: What would you hope or expect to see in the budget of an organization with this mission?

30 minutes
- Introduction to the Budget Building Blocks and how to use it to support understanding of the budget (Karla)
- Presentation of the budget – highlight 5-7 lines (Bob) *
- Q & A (write questions in the chatbox) (Gene curates - Charles or other Board members answer)
- Check for understanding of the budget using the yes/no feature in the participant box (Gene)

Three things to know about this budget*
  1. It’s smaller than last year’s budget by 6.4%
  2. It’s balanced, not only financially, but also between Mission, Administration and Occupancy
  3. It reflects the resilience of our community

15 minutes
Feedback on the budget.
Given our mission, what works about this budget? What suggestions and/or comments do you have?
If the group is over 10 people, go into breakout rooms - each group accesses a google doc to track their feedback on:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/16j9kK7KFZ6Vw8b_VbnVdJbyZCn1LuXHRtpO8pRChGw8/edit

Feedback on the meeting (in the chatbox): What worked? It would have been even better if ...