

Minutes: First Parish in Brookline Board Meeting, September 10, 2022. Submitted by Nancy Clark.

Attendees: Alfred Brownell, Margaret Williams, Lori Day, Jody Leader, Ed Page, John Mignano, Kathryn Kirshner, Nancy Clark

The Board's recent focus:

- Financial stability: compared FPB finances to those of other churches. g. our building-related costs are significantly higher than those at many other churches. Question: how to spend our money?
- Environmental sustainability is related to finances. g. costs related to the heating system.
- Each expenditure needs to reflect our Mission Statement. E.g. Recent (?) decision to invest in Religious Education and growth. (*Question: does the board approve these expenditures? (NC: If this question was answered, I did not hear it)*)

The Board recently conducted interviews with FPB members who have increased or decreased their pledges, and those who have left FPB. A "wide swath" of members were interviewed. They collected both quantitative and qualitative data.

- Based on this feedback, the Board will determine what actions to take in "right relationship."
- On Wednesday, September 14, the Steering Committee, along with Hillary Allen from the UUA, will present the quantitative and qualitative data obtained in the recent interviews with members who have increased or decreased their pledges, and those who have left FPB. Based on this data, members of the Board's "task force" (Alfred, Jen, and Margaret, along with Bob and Carol) will make recommendations.
 - The September 14 meeting is not open to any other Board members or FPB members

The Board voted on the following:

- Only the task force (not the entire Board) will attend the presentation by Hillary Allen
- Majority in favor of a temporary minister