

## Summary Report of May 11, 2026 UUSGS Board of Trustees Meeting

### **Capital Campaign Update:** Kathy Mague

- Two meetings with kitchen contractor have taken place to discuss layout, costs/ payment, work to be done in the Fall. Estimates will be received.
- Kathy reports new energy in the capital campaign with volunteers and marketing changes for materials and postings.
- Training for canvassers will be held on June 7<sup>th</sup> after 11am worship.
- We will share visuals/information regarding budget, costs and needs.
- The “urgency is to grow” and recognize its importance.
- Canvass visits will:
  - be multi-purpose . . . to raise campaign funds and “raise” our congregation
  - focus on where people see themselves with regard to the campaign
- Legacy Giving
  - Involves people putting money in their wills for UUSGS
  - We should consider having a “Legacy Circle” and honor members while they are alive

### **Highlights from Executive Team Report dated May 11, 2026:** Jason Seymour

The full report summarizes the executive team’s activities, initiatives and upcoming plans related to the proposed 2026 Annual Plan (Exec. Interpretation of Congregational Ends). Here are some highlights . . .

- Jason participated as a panelist for UU MassAction Advocacy Day on 4/16 on the theme: “The Faith Pillar: Interfaith coalitions Against Authoritarianism.”
- UUSGS again sponsored a house at GreentNFit via Revitalize CDC. The event was 4/25. A smaller team than usual participated this year, due in part to some conflicts with regulars. Nevertheless, good work was done! Thanks to Verne for helping to coordinate the UUSGS team!
- Jason has been invited to give the Invocation & Benediction at the annual Memorial Day observation at the Veterans Cemetery in Agawam on May 25<sup>th</sup> (1PM). Among those attending will be Lt Gov. Driscoll, Sens. Markey & Warren, Rep. Neal, Mayor Sarno, and others. Several members of the Board plan to be there.
- After many requests, Soulful Supper has resumed, though not as participatory (i.e., cook teams) as is eventually the plan. We ordered pizza the first week, and we’re grilling a bunch while kitchen work occurs.
- Work has begun (and is proceeding incrementally) to re-floor much of the building, especially surfaces covered by older tiles. Scope includes classrooms, as well as the balcony, main office, staff offices, etc. Playful Minds is splitting the cost of new floors in the classroom wing; the remainder will be carried by the capital campaign.
- Floors in the classroom wing are complete. We are currently scheduling times for UUSGS spaces to be done (main office & connected offices, Minister’s office,

hallway outside kitchen, balcony, balcony room). Work looks to begin ~5/18. Staff are preparing spaces; Jason is encouraging all to consider this as an opportune time for some de-cluttering.

- UUSGS has replaced the outer doors in the classroom wing. Inner doors are expected soon, paid for by Playful Minds (installed upon completion of floors).
- Unity House Players presented “The PROM” (April 24 – May3). Jason is awaiting final confirmation of the shows numbers: income/expense, attendance. That said, the production was really top-notch and drew healthy houses for each of the two weekends it was up. It presented a relevant, values-oriented message; the cast was diverse and talented; and it went off without any major hitches. Big congratulations Eric for directing!
  - We debuted a new Point-of-Sale credit card reader, which accounted for ~\$1000 in sales from tickets and concessions. We’re looking at ways to use this simple tech throughout the year.
- There have been some staffing changes in Religious Education/Family Ministry. At some point, there may be reason to reclassify employees into different budget lines, but for now salaries are accruing against lines as stipulated in budget approved November 2025.

**Other Business:**

- The Board will provide a mid-year congregational update on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> following the 11am worship service. We will discuss plans for this at our June Board meeting.

**PLEASE NOTE: Our next Board Meeting is Monday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**

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