

**Board President's Notes  
Congregational Meeting  
Sunday, April 21, 2024**

Thanks to all who were able to join us for this year's Congregational Meeting. After an amazing lunch with the potluck contributions, we got down to business.

The Congregational Meeting is held each year to hear input from members and friends of OUUC to assist the Board in direction and operations of the church. It's a time for reflection, reality and dreaming. Tammy shared an opening reading provided by UUA to center and focus our discussion.

This year's meeting was held as a conversation. No pieces of paper or requests to write down 3 things you like and 3 things you wish were different. Just everyone joining in and sharing their experience and hope of and for OUUC.



Here is what I and the Board were given as ideas from the group (in no order of priority):

1. Upgrade to a wireless sound system,
2. Financial stability,
3. Small groups (Men's group, theme groups meeting for a month/a quarter),
4. Governance support- mentoring members of OUUC for Board positions,
5. Uses for outdoor space,
6. Update the restrooms,
7. Rethink how to include our "talk back time" after the Sunday message,
8. Friday night activities (game nights, music, comedy),
9. Community events/invitations to join us (labyrinth walks, meditation, concerts, holiday events - Halloween)
10. Music before service beginning at 10:00/10:15 until time of service,
11. Expand our committees - volunteer opportunities (Gardening, 175 celebration, Worship, UU the Vote, Greeters, others).

Amazing what a conversation of engaged and thoughtful folks can bring forward. If you were unable to join us or have additional ideas or comments, please share them with myself or another board member.

Additional items discussed were the current open board positions and slate for the upcoming Annual Meeting. Tom, our Treasurer had copies available of the DRAFT budget the board is currently working with and again if you were unable to be here ask Tom for a copy. Finally, it is that time of year again to submit our pledges for the upcoming 2024-25 fiscal year. Forms will be available beginning this Sunday at church.

Again, thank you to all who were at this year's Congregational Meeting. I am grateful for each of you.

Respectfully,  
Charlotte Pontius  
OUUC Board President