

Church Council First Unitarian Church May 26, 2026

Notes Respectfully Submitted by Grace Munie

Present: Stephen Wilke, Chair, Erin Milligan, Kathy Wire, Tom Finan, Grace Munie, Carl Bassi, Board Liaison

Absent: Fran Hoffmann

New Business:

The church has certain funds that are governed by certain parts of the church. At issue is the Dodson Fund and the spendable portion, the Dodson Reserve Fund. The purpose of the fund is the “promote a well-educated staff to minister the congregation”.

Rev. Kim is starting a 3 year Doctor of Ministry program through Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in June. It is a non-residential program designed for working religious professionals. Her tuition is \$5552 per year. She has received a scholarship for \$1500, so her total tuition is \$4052 per year, \$2026 per semester.

The Council has been requested to release funds from the Dodson Reserve Fund to cover her tuition for one year to be paid by Church Administrator when invoiced. The request will be revisited if additional request made in subsequent years.

The request was unanimously approved by show of hands of the voting members over the zoom meeting link.

This was the only topic discussed at the abbreviated meeting.

Next meeting will be held June 22 or 29 depending on the availability of council members.