



## Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden

### Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2020

Present (via Zoom): Jane Dioguardi, Kathleen Lindberg, Trish Schneider, John Sepples, Paula Snedeker

Absent: Sandy Duffy, Randy Heath, Rev. Tony Lorenzen

1. Chalice Lighting and Check-in: Jane did a virtual chalice lighting, and Board members checked in with each other. John volunteered to be the timekeeper.
2. Renewing our Covenant: Jane read the BOT covenant.
3. Consent Agenda:
  - a. Acceptance of previous BOT meeting minutes from May 19, 2020
  - b. SJC Report for 6/2/20

Trish moved to accept the consent agenda items and Kathleen seconded; the motion passed unanimously.

Trish will talk to Angie to get more details about the SJC request for BOT approval of a silent Black Lives Matter rally.

4. Opening church building: Jane received a request from Dennis Picard about resuming the drum circle. Opening for rentals is likely less hazardous than holding services, but before we can give an answer about resuming any activities, we need to find out how the congregation feels about reopening. Trish noted that SJC members are willing to call congregants re: their comfort level with using technology and what their thoughts are about when and how to reopen. Jane, Kathleen, and John volunteered to put together a BOT recommendation for reopening based on state guidelines.
5. Fundraising: It may be possible to hold an outdoor tag sale in August. Jane attended a meeting with presidents/vice presidents of six other small New England congregations, all having the same problems as UUCM due to decrease in rental income and fundraising activities. First UU in Essex, MA is having an online goods and services auction next week – Jane will check it out to get some ideas for UUCM. She will also share the link with BOT members.
6. Budget and PPP loan: Per Trish the loan covers a period of weight weeks; forgiveness is questionable as we will not spend 75% on payroll. Trish will talk to Rev. Tony next week about the budget because we can't go forward with a \$20K deficit for the new fiscal year.
7. Annual Meeting: BOT Clerk will add "Approval of Special Congregational Meeting Minutes from 12/15/2019" to the agenda as well as "State of CT Certificate of Incorporation of Existing Religious Society." The election of officers will be postponed to a Special Congregational Meeting to be held in October 2020, unless the congregation does not approve. Once the letter of notice is ready, Clerk will email it to Trish, who will print the letters and mailing address labels and procure the envelopes and stamps. Kathleen offered to help put the mailing together once all of the pierces are ready. Trish and Steven Nahas will contact the people who need to submit a report (i.e., committee chairs, Rev. Tony, etc.) and then coordinate the Annual Report.
8. Pastor Coverage: Rev. John Marsh of the Unitarian Society of New Haven has agreed to serve us as a temporary pastor should Rev. Tony become ill and unable to serve.

9. Online database: As a way to start “testing” the system, Trish will send BOT members information on how to access the database and change/update their member profiles.
10. Reminder of next Meeting: Tuesday, June 16th at 7 PM via Zoom. Zoom Meeting Room to be clarified beforehand.
11. Closing words and chalice extinguish: Meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula A. Snedeker