

**Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden  
Leadership Team / Board Minutes September 8, 2021**

**Present:** Nancy Burton, Janet Hiller, Trish Schneider, Rev. Tony Lorenzen **Guest:** Steve Volpini

The **minutes of the August 25 meeting were approved** by consensus.

Rev. Tony will send the LT/Board his monthly report a week before we meet.

**Policy re: holding services indoors:**

- For Sept. 12, both the service and the potluck will be held outdoors. We'll ask congregants their thoughts re: indoor vs outdoor services. We will adhere to CDC recommendations.
- Rev. Tony will speak with the Worship Associates on Sept. 19 about inside/outside rules.

**Conversation at the Sept. 12 potluck:**

- Rev. Tony will lead the discussion on hopes and dreams for the future of the congregation.
- We have the expectation that all have been vaccinated.
- Request for help with Sunday setup and take down, indoors and outdoors.
- Request for Sunday service on Sept. 26: could be SJC; joys and concerns; spiritual challenge...
- Expectation that each congregant will take a turn greeting and hosting coffee hour.
- Anita Sanders will speak for Worship Associates and ask for help. (Peg Kirkpatrick did so.)
- Steve will speak for the Social Justice Council.
- Donna Stimpson may speak for Property and Membership. (Trish did so.)
- Request for someone to set up Servant Keeper to send mass texts. (Wasn't mentioned.)

**Service on Sept. 12:**

- Water Communion with a twist: Rev. Tony will give vials of water to congregants.
- Covenant/Mission on large paper; Nancy will read it, then members will be asked to sign it.

**Planning for Jane Dioguardi's medical leave in October:**

- Trish has asked Steven Nahas if he's willing/able to help.
- Trish will get from Jane a list of the work she does.
- Nancy will ask Jane if she'd speak on the 12<sup>th</sup> about what she's doing for UUCM. (She did.)

**Faithify fundraiser for new sound system:**

- This will go live on Monday Sept. 13 at 9am.
- Rev. Tony created an introductory promo video will go with it.
- Rev. Tony will put the Faithify request on social media.
- It will run for four weeks.

**Policy on residency in the church.**

- Trish will look for a template from some other similar organization.
- Nancy will ask Jane to check our insurance re: residency and use of the parking lot for long-term use by non-members.
- This policy will be considered later.

**Religious Education:**

- If we're going to provide RE, we need resources. Trish will send us the First Dallas UU guidelines for various programs. We will focus on inter generational RE.

A **Resolution** was passed unanimously (as of July 1): UUCM and MUUS agree to pay Rev. Tony \$67,476 in salary, zero dollars for housing.

**Rev. Tony's contract:**

We have one copy which we'll ask Jane to file in the office. (Done)

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm. **Next meeting: Wed. Sept. 22 at 6:30pm** at the church.

**Tasks:**

- Rev. Tony will send Nancy a script for covenant/mission.
- Trish will get a list of the work Jane does.
- Nancy will ask Jane to speak on 9/12.
- Rev. Tony will put the Faithify request out.
- Nancy will ask Jane to check our insurance re: residency and use of the parking lot, as above.
- Trish will search for a template for residency in the church.
- Trish will send us the First Dallas RE guidelines.
- Nancy will record the new voice mail message.