

Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden
Leadership Team/Board Minutes
Oct. 6, 2021

Present: Nancy Burton, Janet Hiller, Trish Schneider, Rev. Tony Lorenzen
Check-In

The **September 22, 2021 minutes were approved** by consensus.

Joint UUCM/MUUS Board meeting Wed Nov. 3 at 6pm via Zoom:

- Nancy and Denise will create a draft covenant next week.
- We will also discuss the book, *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You're Going*.
- Rev. Tony will send a Zoom link.

One-on-one phone calls:

- Several respondents think UUCM is important and they'll continue their financial support, but they don't feel a personal need for the church right now.
- Follow-up contacts will be made with several members.
- We'll create a report to give the membership when we've completed the outreach.

Future of UUCM:

- Rev. Tony thinks our best solution is to become a satellite campus of a larger church.
- We'll do research and get concrete details and discuss this at the January Potluck and Conversation.
- Rev. Tony will connect with larger churches and with Rev. Josh Pawlek, and the LT will contact their smaller partners.

October 17, 2021 Potluck and Conversation:

- Nancy will ask Jeff May to have Worship Associates ask for help with Sunday morning setup. A signup sheet will be circulated. Rev. Tony will send us a list of tasks comprising such setup.
- Nancy will ask Donna Stimpson (membership) to do the "ask" for hosts/greeters and to circulate a signup sheet.
- Rev. Tony will send Elaine Donovan (Acting Office Admin) instructions for creating the signup sheets.
- The LT will help set up for the Oct. 17 worship service.
- Rev. Tony will do the general introduction to these "asks" after the discussion re: members' hopes and fears for UUCM, which he will also lead.

Acting Office Administrator:

- Elaine Donovan is doing well with OA tasks. She will be away for six weeks beginning in December.
- Trish will meet with Steven Nahas re: how he can help from home.

Congregational letter re: future of UUCM:

- This will be US-mailed rather than sent electronically.

Policy on Cancellation of services and other events:

- Decision to close will be made by a member of the LT/Board, the chair of Worship Associates, and the minister if he is scheduled to be here that day.
- Jeff May will publish the closing by 8am via Facebook, our website, and an email blast.
- Conversation on this will be continued for events other than worship.

Sound system:

- We collected \$1500 from the Faithify request (including a check for \$100), which is in addition to the \$600 approved by the previous Board.
- We will buy what we need and save the balance of the funds for a future need.
- We need a laptop for use in the sanctuary. We'll ask if anyone has an old one that's usable.

Roof replacement:

- Possible funding sources: Faithify, UUA loan, borrow from the Legacy Fund with repayment built into the budget, ask congregants to donate funds.
- Trish will check whether Faithify has any requests for building projects. What are other groups asking for?

Policy on residency at UUM: Tabled.**Tasks:**

- We'll continue working on the one-on-one phone calls.
- Rev. Tony and the LT will start research in November on becoming a satellite campus of a larger church.
- Nancy will ask Jeff May to have Worship Associates ask for help with Sunday morning setup.
- Nancy will ask Donna Stimpson to ask for hosts/greeters.
- Rev. Tony will send instructions for the signup sheets to Elaine at the church office.
- Nancy, Trish, and Janet will help set up for the Oct. 17 worship service.
- Rev. Tony will send us a task list for the setup.
- Trish will check whether Faithify includes any building projects.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm. **Next meeting: Oct. 20 at 4:30pm at UUCM**

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller, Co-President/Clerk

