

Leadership Team / Board Minutes
December 8, 2021 via Zoom

Present: Nancy Burton, Janet Hiller, Trish Schneider, Rev. Tony Lorenzen; **Guest:** Donna Stimpson
Check-In

The **minutes of the November meeting were approved** by consensus.

Treasurer's report:

- The November report will be shared tomorrow with the Finance Committee.
- Fundraising has done well: Holiday Fair: about \$2800; Holiday Appeal: about \$2700. Janet will send thank-you notes to the Holiday Appeal donors.
- Remaining items from the Fair will be taken to Gallery 53, where we'll have a table.
- Trish paid \$500 toward dues to the UUA. We haven't yet sent the form indicating the total we'll pay. We'll figure this out in January.

Minister's report:

- Rev. Tony spoke about the schedule he'll have to follow if we can't retain him for next year. He prefers to "stick around," but he knows our finances may not allow this. We should try to make a decision in the next month or so. He may speak to congregants at the January 9th Potluck/Conversation.
- Are there UUA or district funds that could help us with this?
- LT / Board will meet in executive session Dec. 22 at 3pm via Zoom about this topic only. (Time changed to 9am.)

Rental request:

A New Haven congregation is interested in renting space two Sunday evenings a month. Adherence to our COVID policy will be required, as will congruence with our values: feminist, pro-choice, pro-Black Lives Matter, etc. Rev. Tony will get in touch with their contact person.

Membership:

- Will add info from one-one-ones to Servant Keeper, to which only Rev. Tony, Trish, and the Office Admin have access thus far. Donna will gather this info and enter it into Servant Keeper.
- Discussion re: how to get more people to volunteer for tasks such as coffee hour hosting, greeting, etc.
- Donna will organize coffee hour signups for the next six months. If no one signs up, we won't have coffee hour that Sunday. Donna will do a write-up for the weekly Update about the signups.
- Pastoral Care: Donna will head the effort to speak at least monthly on Sunday about whom to contact. She will confer with Jane Dioguardi and Kathy Lindberg re: their future role on the team.

Dec. 5 Potluck/Conversation re: What's UUCM's Soul?

- Discussion re: having lost our "old" soul, needing to create a new one; start a new story; perhaps hold a memorial service for what's gone; target people to start a new community with a new purpose.

- Agreed that before we pursue any of this, we need to see what develops with All Souls New London.

Miscellaneous:

- Rev. Tony will contact Rev. Joanna re: congregants for us to speak with about their experience of congregations joining together.
- We'll meet Dec. 15 with Rev. Carolyn Patierno again. (Zoom)
- We'll meet in executive session Dec. 22.
- At the Dec. 22 meeting, we'll decide which January '22 meeting we'd like Hannah Berg to attend.
- We'll begin planning in January for a campaign for a new roof.

Tasks:

- Janet will write thank-you notes to Holiday Appeal donors.
- Donna will organize coffee hour signups for the next six months.
- Donna will do a write-up for the weekly Update about the signups.
- Donna will gather info from one-on-ones and enter it into Servant Keeper.
- Each of us, plus Steve, will send Donna the info gathered from our one-on-one interviews.
- Donna will confer with Jane Dioguardi and Kathy Lindberg about their future role on the Pastoral Care team.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51pm. **Next meeting: Dec. 22 at 3pm via Zoom. Note: rescheduled to 9am.**

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller, Co-President, Clerk