

Leadership Team / Board UUCM Minutes
February 23, 2022 via Zoom

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

The **minutes of the Feb. 9, 2022 meeting were approved** by consensus.

Treasurer's report:

- We are/will be short on cash this month; therefore Trish transferred funds from S & S gift card fund, CYRE, \$600 from the Memorial Fund, and leftover funds in the Faithify account. **We will accept the report via email after the meeting** to give us time to review each of the reports.
- There are still two people on the e-checking account, which results in an extra bank charge. Discussion re: removing Sandy Duffy. Trish would like another pair of eyes to review statements for this account; Janet will meet with her about this.
- The Challenge Fund now has a total of \$18,000 committed, of which \$6,250 has been collected. Discussion re: an end date for the Fund, but none was set.
- On Sunday Feb. 27, we'll make a pitch for an assistant treasurer. Trish will write up the job description.
- Pledge drive has to start soon; it'll overlap with the Challenge Fund. One \$10,000 pledge has been received for '22-'23. Steve, Rev. Tony, and Trish will set up a meeting on the pledge drive.
- Video to promote the Challenge Fund: Rev. Tony will create a frame for it; Nancy, Jeff May, Steve Volpini, and possibly Diane Szymaszek will speak. Trish will email Diane about same. Messages will include justice work UUCM has done: e.g., sanctuary, racial justice, partnering with UACT, long-term history of the church (to organizing in 1821).

Discussion re: future of UUCM:

- Trish and All Souls' treasurer recently spoke fruitfully.
- Rev. Patierno will be on sabbatical for part of '22-'23, and ASNL is in process of a physical expansion.
- Rev Tony noted that we may not be a satellite of ASNL, at least to start, but it's worth developing a relationship with them and having them to talk with.
- Next year we will probably pursue a mentoring relationship with ASNL.

Security System:

- Installation will take place Feb. 28 and March 1.
- We will notify all key holders.
- System will be live on March 12.
- Nancy will ask Donna Stimpson if she'd train individuals as they request training.
- Nancy will write an announcement for the newsletter re: the new system.

COVID policy:

- We're probably moving from prevention to risk mitigation.
- We'll do an informal discussion on Feb. 27 to determine how the congregation feels about starting to sing (with masks on) and have coffee hour—which latter will require people to sign up as hosts.

Concerts:

Trish found that we can charge a fee if the artists are performing original music; if covers, only a suggested donation.

Coalition for Juvenile Justice:

- SJC was planning to sign onto this initiative, but the Board determined that it would have more impact if signed by the Board and minister on behalf of the whole church.
- Nancy will send the announcements a notice to inform the congregation that we plan to sign this doc and ask for any questions they have. She'll alert SJC of these plans.

Opportunities to serve list:

- Trish reported only one response from the people she sent it to.
- It appears that we need a fuller explanation of each item.

Other:

- Rev. Tony noted that the sanctuary should be treated as such: When it's used for other purposes, those in charge should return it to sanctuary format (chairs primarily). We'll ask Liz if she'd do this at the end of her week of yoga classes. Mark Kosnoff also if he holds a meeting in the sanctuary.
- Kathy Lindberg is willing to organize a decluttering team. She will contact individuals to form a team.

Tasks:

- Nancy, Janet, and Trish will e-vote to accept the Treasurer's report.
- Trish will write up the job description for Assistant Treasurer.
- Trish will email Diane re: whether she'll be here for the video production.
- Janet and Trish will meet re: reviewing the e-checking account statements.
- Rev. Tony will create a frame for the video promoting the Challenge Fund.
- Nancy will ask Donna Stimpson if she'll train key holders on the new security system.
- Nancy will write an announcement for the newsletter re: the new security system.
- Nancy will write an announcement for the newsletter re: the Coalition for Juvenile Justice.
- Rev. Tony will speak to Liz about returning the chairs to sanctuary mode after her last yoga class of the week. He will also ask Elaine Donovan, as Office Admin, to alert users of the room of this task.
- Nancy will contact Jeff May about his part in producing the Challenge Fund video.
- Steve, Trish, and Rev. Tony will meet about the pledge drive.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm. **Next meeting: Wed. March 9 at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hiller, Co-President, Clerk