

**UUCM Leadership Team/Board of Trustees
Minutes March 9, 2022**

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

The **minutes of the Feb. 23, 2022 meeting were approved** by consensus.
Discussion on the minutes of the Congregational Meeting of Feb. 27, 2022.

Treasurer's report:

- The January reports were approved. (Did we have a motion and a second?!)
- Question about financial fees on the report: They're accumulated fees assessed because we have more than one person on the account from which PayPal is paid. Trish will find out how to reduce that charge. Trish will also speak with other church treasurers to learn how they handle accounts connected to PayPal.
- We've not yet received rent from UACT for their office upstairs. Nancy will ask whether they want to be billed.
- Since Finance hasn't yet perused the Feb. treasurer's report, we'll discuss it at our next meeting.

Minister's report:

- Membership campaign (ways to get members involved): Get this in place by late summer.
- Rev. Tony will speak with Donna Stimpson about Membership.
- Trish noted that we need something in addition to Sunday worship to offer members, e.g., Small Group Ministry. Need volunteers to follow up with members.

Challenge Match Fund:

- We have 12 pledge units so far.
- We need just \$4,500 more to be pledged in order to reach our goal of \$24,000.
- We'll send a hard-copy letter to a few outside church friends who might contribute.
- Develop a donor list, and send a pointed letter perhaps twice a year.
- Rev. Tony will draft such a letter.
- Rev. Tony will contact Steve Volpini re: the video for the Match.

Stewardship Campaign:

We have a campaign ready to go, but focus on the Challenge Match first.

Next meeting with All Souls New London:

To be pursued.

March 20, 2022 Congregational Conversation:

- Rev. Tony will lead: update on what our Board is doing toward next year, talks with ASNL, UACT office in our building, soul and mission of the church.
- Develop community partnership; need additional people to get involved with ASNL.
- Stamford UU is interested in being in contact with us; could help each other occasionally.
- Build a partnership next year.

Fire and security systems:

- Everything is connected and will go "live" March 12.

- No cameras: too expensive.
- Need to establish a master user and move the account off Trish's phone.

Looking toward our future:

- Could try a re-start, and reshuffle our structure; if it doesn't work, do a revision.
- Bylaws revision could be part of a re-start.
- Trish has sent the Bylaws to Anita Sanders (for starting revision) and will send them to the Board.
- Nancy will send the newsletter an update re: the March 20 Conversation.

Fundraising:

Concerts: May or may not be able to have any this spring. Have to use suggested donation.

Coalition for Juvenile Justice:

Rev. Tony will write a letter formally applying to join.

Person of the Month upcoming: Discuss at next meeting. Possibilities: Elaine, Steve, Angie.

Tasks:

- Trish will find out how to reduce bank charges on the account connected to PayPal.
- Trish will also check how other churches handle accounts connected to PayPal.
- Nancy will ask Mark Kosnoff if UACT wants to be billed for their office rent.
- Nancy will contact Steve re: potential people to ask for a donation.
- Nancy will contact SJC and the women's book group members for names of potential donors.
- Trish will send the Bylaws to the Board.
- Rev. Tony will draft a funding request letter for UUCM friends who might contribute.
- Rev. Tony will contact Steve re: the video for the Match.
- Nancy will contact Sally McGee, ASNL president, re: attending our service March 20.
- Nancy will check in with Kathy Lindberg re: decluttering team.

The meeting adjourned at 8pm. Next meeting: March 23 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller