

UUCM Leadership Team/Board Minutes
March 23, 2022

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

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

The **February Finance report was approved** by consensus as well.

- There's approximately \$6,000 in the Operations account.
- Sandy Duffy withdrew \$10,000 from the Legacy Fund to have available if necessary.
- We'll notify the congregation at the April Congregational Conversation about this withdrawal, which they authorized at the Congregational Meeting of Feb. 27, 2022.
- Budget Hearing date will have to be changed from May 1.
- Someone asked about the Assistant Treasurer position.

Challenge Match Fund:

- Rev. Tony has a funds request letter ready; waiting for a few quotes from members.
- Mark Kosnoff has a video to include with the materials.
- Add Rev. David Jarvis to donors list. Also Sue and Dave Willette and Rev. Dr. Jan Carlsson-Bull.
- Nancy will put a notice in the newsletter asking for names to add to the list.
- We've now received \$8,500 in Challenge Match payments.
- Trish will do thank-you notes to big donors; Kathy Lindberg will do the others.

Pledge drive for '23:

- Five pledges have been received totaling \$26,200.
- Could use some New Haven UU language in our materials.
- Rev. Tony and Steve Volpini will work on stewardship.

Help with spring cleanup for a church family:

- Kathy Lindberg sent out an email request for helpers.

UUCM future:

- Rev. Tony thinks another year of doing the essentials should have us prepared for the next step.
- The idea of a restart was powerful.
- Elaine Donovan (as leader) and Trish have met to draft a list of essential tasks for which volunteers will be sought.
- This draft list will be ready for a special pre-Congregational Conversation Board meeting April 8 at 11am.
- All Souls New London: Rev. Tony has spoken with Rev. Patierno, but no date for a joint meeting was set. He will contact her for possible dates.
- Nancy will contact their president, Sally McGee, to invite ASNL members to attend our April 10 Conversation.

Security/Fire alarm system:

- This is set up and in use.
- Sandy Duffy and Janet will have user accounts on our phones.
- Jeff May will have the master account.

- Elaine will ask specific people to return church keys.

Lynne Ford's ordination:

- Set for June 5 at MUUS.
- Janet will participate as Co-President of UUCM.

Rev. Tony's contract for FY '23:

- The agreement hasn't changed much.
- The boards of the two churches will meet via Zoom; Nancy will contact Denise Pedane re: date.

Person of the month: Steve Volpini for April. Nancy will write this up for the newsletter.

Belated **holiday bonus** for Alan Dougherty (pianist): Trish will take \$100 from the Memorial Fund.

Bylaws changes:

- Some changes will be incorporated into the Annual Meeting in May.
- The Board will consider other changes at our next regular meeting, April 13, 2022.

April Congregational Conversation:

- Circulate sign-up sheets for coffee (on front porch?) and greeters.
- Rewrite procedures for coffee hour.
- Change rules re: masks?

Tasks:

- Nancy will post a notice in the newsletter asking for names of potential donors to the Challenge Fund.
- Board members will peruse the Bylaws for needed changes.
- Nancy will write up the Person of the Month for the newsletter.
- Trish will write thank-you notes to big donors to the Challenge Fund.
- Trish will take \$100 from the Memorial Fund for a belated holiday gift for Alan Dougherty.
- Nancy will contact ASNL president Sally McGee to invite her (and others) to our April 10 Conversation.
- Nancy will contact Denise Pedane re: meeting about Rev. Tony's FY '23 contract.
- Rev. Tony will contact Rev. Patierno for some possible joint board meeting dates. (Post-meeting note: the boards will meet via Zoom on March 30 at 5:30pm.)

The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Next meeting: April 8 at 11am (via Zoom?) to prepare for the April 10 Conversation.

Next regular Board meeting: Wed. April 13 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hiller