

**UUCM Board of Trustees
Minutes May 25, 2022**

The meeting was held via Zoom at 6:30pm. **Present:** Nancy Burton, Janet Hiller, Trish Schneider, Rev. Tony Lorenzen.

The **UUCM governing body was renamed at the Annual Meeting from Leadership Team to Board of Trustees.**

The **minutes of the May 11, 2022 Board meeting were approved** by consensus.

The Treasurer's report and the Minister's report will be presented at the June 8 Board meeting.

COVID policy:

- Masks will continue to be required for most in attendance at worship. An exception will be made, on the honor system, for those with medical issues, including claustrophobia and strong anxiety. All should be sensitive to those who may be concerned about close proximity to unmasked persons.
- Nancy will write a COVID update announcement for the newsletter.

Rev. Tony's contract:

- Nancy heard from MUUS president, Denise Pedane, who proposed a paragraph outlining what would happen in case either MUUS or UUCM defaulted on our financial responsibility. We noted that this should not be a part of Rev. Tony's contract.
- Rev. Tony suggested, partly facetiously, that the two boards of trustees should have a contract with each other.
- Trish will talk with MUUS treasurer, Vivian..., about how to structure Rev. Tony's compensation payments.

Congregational Conversation June 5:

- Rev. Tony will put a notice about this in the newsletter for this Friday and next Friday.
- The focus will be: how to knit the congregation together.

Future of UUCM:

- There was no response to our invitation to the congregation for a couple of people to join the team that's working on a relationship with All Souls New London. Nancy will ask Diane Szymaszek and Tim O'Brien; if neither accepts, she'll ask Anita Sanders.
- Hold for now on a joint gathering with ASNL.

Update on Property Matters:

- Inspection of fire/security alarm system: We must use the monitoring company to inspect the system. However, they are not licensed to inspect sprinkler systems.
- The alarm system inspection is being scheduled.
- We should notify the City that we have a sprinkler system in the basement.
- We received the bill for insulation on the fire communicator.
- We'll go over the insurance policy when Nancy returns. The June premium is paid.

Miscellaneous:

- Rev. Tony will meet with the board of an upstate NY congregation re: a possible three-way split for next year. He may ask them to speak with us.
- There are UU churches in CT willing to work together, e.g., Manchester.
- Rev. Tony will change his day off to Friday beginning Aug. 19, 2022.
- Alan Dougherty is resigning to take a better paying church job. His last Sunday will be June 5. He is willing to help us find a new musician. We need to determine what we want for music: hymn accompaniment only? More? Are there congregants who could fill in? We're likely to have to pay more to a new musician. Trish will inquire how much Jane Dioguardi's sister gets per gig.
- The Board will schedule a meeting with Worship Associates when Nancy returns from vacation.
- Agenda for Board meeting of June 8: Janet will do the agenda, with input from Rev. Tony and Trish.
- Janet will incorporate the Bylaws changes that were approved at the May 22, 2022 Annual Meeting (reverting to the term Board of Trustees for the governing body; deleting the Standard Operating Procedures) into the Bylaws. She will send them to Anita Sanders, who has offered to go through the document for possible other changes.

Tasks:

- Nancy will send the newsletter an update on the COVID policy.
- Trish will talk with the MUUS treasurer about how to structure Rev. Tony's compensation payments. She'll also ask what MUUS pays their musician.
- Rev. Tony will do a newsletter notice about the June 5 Congregational Conversation.
- Nancy will ask Diane Szymaszek and Tim O'Brien to join our ASNL team; if neither accepts, she'll ask Anita Sanders.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm. The next Board meeting will take place June 8 via Zoom at 6:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Hiller