

UUCM Board of Trustees
Minutes July 13, 2022

Present: Nancy Burton, Janet Hiller, Trish Schneider; Guest: Anita Sanders until the Exec Session. Rev. Tony is on vacation.

The **minutes of the June 22, 2022 Board meeting were approved** by consensus. The **minutes of the June 22 Executive Session were approved** with the clarification that we're working on managing the Mail Chimp mailing list.

Minister's report:

- We're working to get Rev. Tony's contract done as soon as possible. Nancy and Trish are waiting for a date from UUA rep Jan Gardner to discuss some questions. MUUS will participate also.
- We're curious to hear about the new language proposed at GA for the Principles.

Treasurer's report: There's no formal report, but:

- The deficit for '21-'22 was reduced somewhat by tapping reserve funds; deficit is under \$1,000.
- The Legacy Fund has lost money from one year ago: from \$64,000 to \$56,500 now.
- Pledges are doing well, especially with Challenge Fund payments included.

Old Business:

- Pre-sorting tag sale goods made organizing the event much easier.
- Sprinkler system inspection: Need to find out whether the spring testing of the system meets City requirements.
- Recruiting a new accompanist will wait 'til Rev. Tony returns.
- Janet will ask members who weren't present on Sunday June 5 to complete a Time and Talent survey. Trish will email Janet a copy of the form.
- COVID: No changes until we discuss it further with Rev. Tony.
- We'll ask participants at the Sept. 11 Congregational Conversation their preference for color-coded nametags.
- Bylaws revision: Anita will check that they align with UUA guidelines for bylaws. She'll also recommend deleting any policies or practices that we no longer follow.
- Meeting with All Souls New London: On hold 'til Rev. Tony returns.

FYI:

- Two new people are interested in becoming members.
- If Jeff and Sandy decide not to host a church picnic during the summer, we'll do a potluck picnic at the church in September.
- Person of the month: Ann Dougherty for this month; Richard Gault for August. Later: Tim O'Brien and Anita Sanders.

New Business:

- Start thinking in the fall about potential new leaders for FY '23-'24.
- White supremacist flyers have been distributed in Meriden recently. SJC will contact the Meriden Racial Justice Initiative and other groups in Meriden to organize a September interfaith vigil for racial justice. Elaine Donovan wrote a letter to the editor on behalf of SJC denouncing the flyer distribution and the point of view expressed.

- Need guidelines for newsletter submissions: format, a title for each article, contact info, etc.
- Need replacement for Hannah to do the newsletter and UUCM social media. Do an announcement in the newsletter to start recruitment. Trish will ask Hannah for job specs.
- Trish suggested we check in with members twice a year to see how they're doing. Not one-on-one, however. Add this the agenda for July 27.

Calendar for '22-'23:

Nov. 13, 2022 worship service: GaYT donation box distribution. We'll ask Elaine D if she will lead this service.

Dec. 3, 2022: Holiday Fair

Feb. 12, 2023: Stone Soup Luncheon (tentative: Nancy will speak with SJC)

Feb. 19, 2023: Start of Pledge Drive

April 23, 2023: Budget Hearing

April (TBA) Tag Sale at the Daffodil Festival tag sale

May 6, 2023: Tag Sale on church property (tentative)

May 21, 2023: Annual Meeting (Ask Rev. Tony if he would preach in Meriden on this Sunday rather than at MUUS.)

June 3, 2023: Tag Sale on church property (if May 6 doesn't work)

Trish will put Sunday service dates onto the calendar.

We'll add Congregational Conversations when we've conferred with Rev. Tony.

Nancy will send correct yoga class info to the calendar.

Tasks:

- Janet: Time and Talent survey as above.
- Trish will email Janet a copy of the survey.
- Trish will put Sunday service dates onto the calendar.
- Anita: Bylaws review as above.
- Trish will confer with Hannah re: what her replacement should know/do.
- Nancy will put Person of the Month in the newsletter.
- Nancy will send correct yoga dates to the calendar.
- Nancy will follow up re: whether sprinkler system needs inspecting.

Executive session re: a continuing matter.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm. **Next Board meeting: July 27 via Zoom at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller