

**UUCM Board of Trustees  
Minutes September 1, 2022**

This meeting was postponed from August 24<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

**Treasurer's report:**

- July '22 did well because of prepaid pledges and Challenge Grant payments.
- The Discretionary Account functions as our cushion.
- Trish went to People's Bank re: switching to nonprofit account.
- Sandy Duffy's name has been removed from the online account.
- Trish will have the Finance Committee discuss whether to set limits on withdrawals from the online account. There are currently no limits.
- The Legacy Fund increased last month.

The report was accepted unanimously.

**Minister's report:** Rev. Tony has been back from vacation for a week. He will have a formal report for the Sept. 14 meeting. Trish will send him Janet's list of priorities re: readiness for RE activities. At the Sept. 18 Congregational Conversation, we'll introduce a discussion on RE if Rev. Tony thinks it's advisable.

**Property:**

- With no functioning Property Committee, we'll ask at the Congregational Conversation for volunteers to take on some maintenance tasks.
- The mortgage will be paid in 2025. Stay here? Sell the building? Topic for a Conversation.
- If we didn't have a minister, some of those funds could pay for an Office Admin who could also see that the property is taken care of.

**Welcome back picnic Sept. 18:**

- Potluck. Janet will send a notice to the newsletter/announcements and start a signup sheet for help with setup and cleanup.
- Congregational Conversation will include:
  - Discussion re: RE if advisable.
  - Congregational input re: future of UUCM, especially the building.
  - Ask for volunteers who'd help with maintenance.

**Future of UUCM:**

- October Congregational Conversation: Start thinking about leaders for next fiscal year.
- Rev. Tony will confer with Rev. Carolyn Patierno of All Souls New London re: a next meeting. No decision re: a joint service.
- Rev. Tony will talk with Rev. Josh Pawelek (Manchester) for his input re: our situation.

**Old Business:**

- Joe Kiely reattached the surface-mounted door closer to the RE door downstairs. He's to send the bill to the church.

- The CT Revenue Services form has been successfully submitted online.
- Trish will ask Richard Gault, volunteer Office Admin, to schedule appointment with Roman Oil for inspection of boiler and water heater.
- Trish will ask Tim O'Brien to check list of key holders and ask for unneeded keys back.
- Nancy will confer with Universal Health Care re: using their Foundation to manage our Legacy Fund.
- The fire inspection scheduled for Aug. 23 was rescheduled to today. Trish moved some items from near the boiler. Need to tell others not to store items there.

**Minister's contract:**

- No word from the UUA re: retirement payments.
- Rev. Tony and UUCM board agree that we'll continue with the '21-'22 contract until we have the advice from the UUA to complete the '22-'23 contract. We will pay Rev. Tony at the '22-'23 rate, which includes a COLA.
- Trish will contact Jan Gartner at the UUA retirement office.
- Nancy will call Denise Pedane (MUUS) re: using last year's contract, plus COLA, until we can finalize the contract for '22-'23.

**Unity Rally Sept. 17:**

- Rev. Tony will give the invocation.
- If other clergy attend, Rev. Tony will talk with them about joining us in social justice work. Few Meriden churches are working on social justice.
- We may be able to have a speaker on an October Sunday from the local NAACP. Nancy will inquire at the next Rally planning meeting.

**COVID** policy: Ask for consensus at Sept 18 Conversation. Perhaps optional?

**FYI:**

- Rev. Tony has had no bites from his ads (in free listings) for an accompanist.
- We can ask members to mention it in their personal social media.
- Nancy will contact two local piano teachers.
- Could spend \$100 for a month on Indeed or Idealist, etc.
- You Tube took down two of our worship services, saying we hadn't paid for the license. We had. Jeff and Rev. Tony have been looking into this.
- We'll have three UU ministers here for six worship services during FY '23. Use paper checks for remuneration.

**Agenda items for Sept. 14:**

- PDF list from Trish and Elaine of things that need to be done.
- Notes to members to check on their well-being. Find additional people to write them?

**Tasks:**

- Trish will send Rev. Tony Janet's list of RE priorities as above.
- Trish will have the Finance Cmte discuss possible limit to withdrawals from the online account.
- Janet will send a notice to the newsletter/announcements re: Sept. 18 potluck picnic.
- Janet will start a sign-up sheet for help with setup and cleanup for the picnic.

- Trish will ask Richard Gault to schedule appointment with Roman Oil for inspection of boiler and water heater.
- Trish will ask Tim O'Brien to check list of key holders and ask for unneeded keys back.
- Nancy will confer with Universal Health Care re: using their Foundation to manage our Legacy Fund.
- Nancy will inquire about a possible speaker from the local NAACP.
- Nancy will confer with Denise Pedane and call Jan Gartner re: resolution of retirement payments for Rev. Tony's contract.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller. Next meeting: Sept. 14, 2022 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.