

**UUCM Board of Trustees
Minutes September 28, 2022**

Present: Nancy Burton, Trish Schneider, Janet Hiller, Rev. Tony Lorenzen, **Guest:** Anita Sanders

The minutes of the Sept. 14 meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report:

- August income was less than expenses, but YTD, income is higher than expenses.
- Trish bought 1000 gallons of heating oil at \$4.19 a gallon.
- Trish is working on getting two more of our accounts online with M & T Bank.
- Designated Funds totals:
 - Pastoral Care: \$560.09
 - Building reserve: \$1,604.13
 - SJC: \$1,413.20
 - Memorial Fund: \$2,780.
 - Legacy as of Aug. 31: \$57,276.86

Minister's informal report:

- Will interview a candidate for pianist today. We discussed possible financial particulars.
- Conversation with Rev. Josh Pawelek: perhaps UUCM and Manchester could share some services such as bookkeeping. Perhaps use a sermon for a small fee. Our building is an asset for UUism in Central CT. Manchester isn't interested in having a satellite church.
- COVID policy could be more lenient (masks recommended but not required) and use color-coded dots on name tags. Rev. Tony will provide possible descriptions of the coding system. Nancy will send the newsletter the new policy.
- Rev. Tony is assessing the future of his book group (probably will not continue) and his spiritual group.

Holiday Fair: Need to get started on the plans. Trish will confer with Diane Szymaszek.

Congregational Conversations:

- October 16: Ministry
- November 20: the building
- December 11: other costs, programs, issues upcoming
- January: Have a plan for next FY.

Old Business:

- Trish will send progress report to Fire Marshall's office.
- Trish (Nancy?) will ask Donna Stimpson to ask Joe Kiely to:
 - Install batteries and cover air conditioners
 - Fix closer on door to "dungeon"
 - Replace rotten board on front porch
- Verify that the plow operator will provide service this winter. Nancy will check with Randy Heath.

Rev. Tony's contract:

- MUUS accepts using a letter of understanding to follow '22 FY contract with '23 increase in salary. Nancy will contact Denise Pedane re: getting the new contract finished.
- Rally of Sept. 17: About 60 attended. Debriefing will be held; plans for future will be considered.

Time and Talent survey:

- The info can be put into Servant Keeper.
- Can the form be put on our website? It's now available online.
- Liz Hall completed the survey and will help greet on Sundays and substitute for Jeff in making services available via Zoom.
- Bylaws changes: Anita will look at them in the next couple of weeks. Quorum and voting on money issues may need revision.

Future of UUCM:

- Rev. Carolyn Patierno will be on sabbatical and thus not available to us.
- Revs. Patierno and Pawelek want CT congregations to be connected with each other, as does Rev. Tony.
- After Christmas, perhaps get together with other UU congregations re: issues we share and what we can offer each other.
- Rev. Tony will talk with ASNL's Rev. Trisha re: Meriden hosting a district gathering of members and lay leaders—a mini retreat—to strengthen relationships.

Tasks:

- Trish will confer with Diane re: Holiday Fair.
- Rev. Tony will provide possible descriptions of the color-coding system.
- Nancy will send the revised COVID policy to the newsletter.
- Trish will send progress report to Fire Marshall's office.
- Trish (Nancy?) will ask Donna to contact Joe Kiely re: above work to be done.

The meeting adjourned at 11am. **Next Board meeting: Oct. 12 at 6:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller