

Unitarian Universalist Church in Meriden
Board of Trustees
Minutes October 24, 2022

The meeting was held via Zoom on Oct. 24 because of conflicts on the 26th. **Present:** Nancy Burton, Trish Schneider, Janet Hiller, Rev. Tony Lorenzen and **guest**, Anita Sanders.

The **minutes of the Oct. 12, 2022 meeting** were approved with a modification: Joe Kiely has not been hired to fix the rotted sections of the porch floor.

Minister's report:

- Rev. Carolyn Patierno, All Souls New London, would like to keep communications going between our two congregations while she's on sabbatical.
- Rev. Tony suggested that UUCM invite leaders of some Connecticut UU congregations to gather to discuss how we could help each other. He'll follow up for our next meeting. Invitees: All Souls, MUUS, Manchester, Shoreline, Bridgeport. FYI: Trish would like to start a treasurers' support group. FYI: ASNL doesn't have a social justice program.
- Once we have enough volunteers for reliable greeting and coffee hour, we could do general outreach and advertising.
 - We'll circulate signup sheets at the next Congregational Conversation. Rev. Tony will talk with Donna Stimpson about setting this up.

Treasurer's Report:

The corrected September treasurer's report was accepted by consensus.

Old Business:

- Trish had a note from the UUA that we have not paid our assessed pledge of \$6,700. She will send a portion of the \$1,000 we've determined we can pay, along with an explanatory note.
- Fire Dep't: Nancy will ask Jeff May if he'll have time in the next few days to replace the batteries in the emergency lights. If he can't do it, she'll ask Chet Rynasky.
- The covers have been put onto the sanctuary air conditioners.
- Amanda Plummer will help clean and organize the RE floor.
- Rev. Tony's contract: Nancy sent Denise Pedane the letter of understanding re: contract wording.
- Pianist: The Board and Worship Associates agreed to hire Kevin Wyman, who played at yesterday's service.
- Rev. Tony plans to send Kevin a month's worth of hymns and service themes. He'll go over the calendar for the rest of the church year with Kevin and check whether he has any previous engagements that might impact his work here.
- Newsletter editor: Nancy will speak with Hannah Berg this week about recruiting an assistant for her to learn the ropes and hopefully step into the role in the future if the need arises.
- Time and Talent survey: Janet will hand a paper copy on Oct. 30 to several usually active individuals.
- Bylaws changes: Anita has been working on this and emailed us a track-edited copy.
- The Census Bureau re-sent a health insurance cost study. Although it appears not to be required, we will attempt to complete it (online). Trish will share their letter with the board.
- AED/CPR: Nancy hasn't worked on this yet, but she will.

FYI:

- Trish is concerned that we may not meet our fundraising target. We need an additional FR event.
- Could we share advertising costs for the Holiday Fair with other nearby churches that have Fairs?

Tasks:

- Rev. Tony will work on a gathering of nearby UU leaders re: how we can help each other.
- We'll circulate signup sheets at the next Congregational Conversation for Greeters and Coffee Hosts.
- Trish will send a portion of our UUA pledge along with a note explaining that we can't pay the full amount.
- Nancy will ask Jeff May if he'll get to the emergency-light batteries in a few days, and if he can't, she'll ask Chet Rynasky.
- Nancy will confer with Hannah Berg re: what the next newsletter editor should know.
- Janet will ask certain active members to complete a Time and Talent Survey.
- Trish will send the board a copy of the Census Bureau's letter and the health insurance cost survey.
- Nancy will look into an AED for the building and CPR training.

The meeting adjourned at 11:41am. Next meeting: Wed. Nov. 9 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller