

UUCM Board of Trustees
Minutes Dec. 8, 2022

The meeting was held at 10am via Zoom and attended by Nancy Burton, Janet Hiller, Trish Schneider, Rev. Tony Lorenzen and guest, Anita Sanders.

The Minutes of the Nov. 9, 2022 meeting were approved by consensus.

Treasurer's report:

- YTD: in the black, although some months have shown a deficit.
- Collection plate has done better than Trish anticipated.
- Trish didn't update the Legacy Fund total; she'll do so.
- Another fundraiser is needed.

The report was accepted by consensus.

NB:

- We'll re-email the video Holiday Appeal (the imaginary conversation between MLK and Rev. James Chapin).
- We'll ask for pledges to the new Matching Fund Campaign (to fund our minister for another year). Payment is not due now. Nancy will send an announcement to the newsletter re: this new Challenge.
- MUUS treasurer Vivian is interested in meeting with other UU treasurers. If there are 3-5 people interested, Trish will set up a meeting.

Minister's report:

- Rev. Tony proposed an "unconference": The gathering would have a facilitator; small groups would discuss topics that interest or concern them, and participants would "come away with what they hoped to get." Rev. Tony will send out a save-the-date notice to selected ministers and admins at the beginning of January. Date for the gathering: Saturday March 11, 2023 at UUCM. (9am-5pm for us; program from 10-4.)

Dec. 11 Congregational Conversation: Rev. Tony will lead the conversation.

- Need a **Task Force** of three people to bring a recommendation to the Board **on how to manage the building**.
- Need to know who will step in as leaders for the next two years (i.e., Board positions).
 - Rev. Tony will offer three things to help people decide:
 - A course on being a leader.
 - Book or video on Lay Leadership as a Spiritual Practice.
 - Suggest they attend Board meetings.
- Mission: Use sentence(s) instead of bullets to be more engaging. Mission and Covenant may be seen as the same.
- Create another **Task Force on children**. Need people and activities each Sunday. Need a plan by January.

Old Business:

- Trish made a spreadsheet from Janet's maintenance list and asked Property members what to add. It will be shared with a new property manager if someone steps up to that position.

- Batteries for emergency lights: Chet Rynasky will install them once we have enough of the correct ones.
- Outdoor lights: Liz Hall will look into why they aren't working.

New Business:

- Trish learned that there will be funds from the Inflation Reduction Act for projects that promote energy efficiency. They'll be available to churches. She will attend an Interfaith Power and Light webinar today. Perhaps we could get a grant for roof and solar panels.
- NB: We should record worship attendance figures; they're likely to be needed for any future loan(s).

Tasks:

Nancy will send the newsletter an announcement re: the new Matching Fund Challenge.

The meeting adjourned at 11:17am. Next meeting: January 11, 2023.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller