

**UUCM Board of Trustees
Minutes January 11, 2023**

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

The **minutes of the Dec. 8, 2022 meeting were approved** by consensus.

Minister's report:

Rev. Tony needs to know asap whether we will continue his contract next year (FY '23-'24). We need to consult with MUUS re: how we will apportion Rev. Tony's disability and life insurance premium payments.

Treasurer's report :

- For '23-'24, Trish plans to continue as Finance Chair; Elaine Donovan will be treasurer.
- There was discussion re: whether the Finance Chair should be elected or Board-appointed.
- Current Matching Challenge Fund: seven pledges have come in, totaling about \$6,000.
- Trish will have the Matching Challenge Fund entered into Servant Keeper so it can be tracked.
- We will tell the congregation they can still pledge to the above Fund.
- Regular pledges: 98% are on target or have been paid in full.
- The Holiday Appeal brought in only about \$200, perhaps because we were also asking for donations to the Pastoral Care Fund, which is now at about \$1510.
- Collection plate thus far: \$2300.
- We could stop giving SJC 25% of the collection plate through the end of the FY and let 100% of those funds go to Operations. Nancy will propose this to SJC.
- Stewardship will probably start the annual pledge process in February-March. Rev. Tony will start speaking about it soon.
- Trish is working on next year's budget.

Congregational Conversation Jan. 22:

Rev. Tony plans to focus on the Soul of the Church.

He will forward to the Board a draft of part of his sermon re: reframing our Mission.

Property:

- Parl Reid and Donna Stimpson will meet to coordinate. Chet Rynasky will help on projects and act as backup when Donna is unavailable.
- We've not yet received Randy Heath's files. Donna will try to get them.
- The nonworking kitchen phone has been replaced with one from the RE office.
- We'll replace half of the emergency lights this year and half next year. Funds to come from Operations.

UUA Certification:

Nancy, Trish, Janet will meet this Sunday to complete at least part of this form.

Regional Gathering:

Rev. Tony sent a save-the-date notice (March 11) to all the CT UU congregations and four ministers he knows personally. We'll provide coffee and... Lunch will be potluck. Breakout sessions will discuss what

participants want to talk/learn about. As they arrive, participants will be asked to volunteer for setup, cleanup, lunch prep, and anything else needed.

Weather cancellation policy:

Omit media (radio, TV).

Jeff May, Trish, Rev. Tony have access to MailChimp, Facebook, the website.

Nancy will update the policy for the website.

Time and Talent Survey:

This should be done annually and be included with the financial pledge form.

It's of equal importance with the financial pledge.

Bylaws changes:

Board members are to look these over.

AED and Narcan training:

The City offers training.

We'll try to do the training just for congregants for now. Later we may be able to offer our church as a training site.

Orientation of new members:

The self-study info is on the website.

A gathering will be scheduled to reach new members personally. It will require less time than a class.

At least one current member for every two new members should be present.

Future of UUCM:

Rev. Josh Pawelek will do a Zoom presentation (service) later.

We're beyond needing to discuss a future relationship, but we need to stay open to working together later.

Religious Ed:

Elaine Donovan and Richard Gault are interested in helping.

Rev. Tony will plan programs for a month at a time until there are more children.

Person of the Month:

Liz Hall for January.

Next meeting: choose someone for February.

Nancy will send the Board a list of those honored so far.

Tasks:

Nancy will speak with SJC re: not giving SJC 25% of the collection plate funds.

Nancy will update the weather cancellation policy.

Nancy will send the Board the list of Persons of the Month.

Nancy will send the newsletter the change in time of the second January Board meeting: Monday 23rd at 10am via Zoom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15am. **Next meeting: Monday Jan. 23 at 10am via Zoom.**

Respectfully submitted, Janet Hiller