

UUCM Board of Trustees  
Minutes August 16,2023

The meeting was held in person at the church at 6:30pm

**PRESENT:**

Nancy Burton, Elaine Donovan, Tracy Wethered, Rev. Tony Lorenzen, Peg Kirkpatrick

**EXCUSED:**

Sara Whalen

The minutes of the **July 19, 2023** meeting were approved by consensus.

**MINISTER'S REPORT:**

- Board/Leadership Retreat – scheduled for August 19 at the new Meriden Library  
We will be discussing four (4) goals for the 2023 year.
- Discussed fundraiser concert for November 18, 2023
  - \$25 donations at the door
  - Proceeds to be split with band
  - Nancy Burton will sign contract

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

- Nancy, Trish, and Elaine are the bank signatories
- Elaine outlined Treasurer's Report July 2023
- July saw positive net income of \$10,013.41
  - Income higher in July due to high pre-paid pledges
- Finance Committee to pay back \$8,500 to reserve fund
- Discussed what to do with extra \$5,000:
  - Possibly put toward maintenance of the building (property fund):
    - Hire electrician to fix emergency lights
    - Repair soft spot on porch
    - Parking lot lights
    - Possible hire of property manager
- Rev. Tony is enrolled in retirement plan with Empower
- Researching reason for \$64 monthly charge
- Working on a possible credit card for the church

**CONGREGATIONAL CONVERSATIONS:**

- September 10 is hospitality
- Future conversation – tour of property with the congregation to point out what gets done and how people can help

**PARKING LOT RESIDENTS:**

- Left parking lot
- Parking lot signs were posted
- Lesson learned:

- Work with city officials to combat homelessness in Meriden
- Find organizations that we can help
- Need to be a little tougher
- Nancy spoke with Sonya Jelks on how UUs can help with homelessness
- Nancy and Tracy will be going door-to-door with letters to the neighbors informing them of the actions we took to prevent similar situations in the future

**OUR PROPERTY:**

- Security cameras and more lighting for safety
  - Possible grant through the state – Peg to get information
- Plan after service clean-up in late September

**PHONE:**

- Out going message needs to be updated
  - Update with phone numbers of the board
  - Change message weekly to inform callers about even

**PLANNING FOR RETREAT:**

- Scheduled on August 19 starting at 10am
- Discuss four (4) major goals for the 2023 year

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

- Faithtofy – like GoFundMe to raise money
- Possibly get Google phone number

**TASKS:**

- Board/Leadership Retreat – Cmpl't'd August 19
- Fundraiser Concert November 18, 2023
  - Nancy sign contract
- Finance Committee pay back \$8,500 to reserve fund
- Further discussion on extra \$5,000 for property repair
- Further discussion on church credit card
- Congregational Conversation-Sunday September 10<sup>th</sup> Hospitality
- Nancy and Tracy deliver letters to neighbors- Cmpl't'd
- Peg to get info for state grant for parking lot safety
- Phone
  - Update outgoing message
  - Update contacts for emergencies

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tracy Wethered

Next meeting Wednesday September 20, 2023.

