

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting September 15, 2021

Present: President Elizabeth Donovan, VP Elise Bender, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball, Directors Nancy Dean, Charlie Donnelly and Bill Rodriguez

Call to Order/Reading of Covenant: 6:03 PM by Elizabeth Donovan

Invocation: Elizabeth Donovan

ACTION ITEMS: Linda Whyte Burrell has agreed to represent UUCSC at the South County Ministers should representation become necessary before we hire another minister. Randi Marten is willing to set up a phone tree for special notifications. Elizabeth Donovan will facilitate coordinating Council on 9/29 from 7:00pm till 8:30pm.

Treasurers Report: As usual the cash collection was slow over the summer. The budget may need some alteration as opening the building expenses were not anticipated and not having a minister changes both savings and expenses. The mortgage balance is now \$46,500 with monthly payments less than \$400.

Staff reports: Lee Cowan has requested that a tent be made available so RE can meet outside. Elizabeth Donovan has donated a 10' by 20' party tent that may suit this purpose. The RE rooms are being rearranged due to recent water damage. Lee will lead the service on 10/3. The children will parade in the sanctuary wearing masks. A chairperson is still needed for the RE committee.

Congregational Administrator Search: The committee received 10 applications and selected 3 people to interview. Background checks are being done. Interviews via Zoom are scheduled for Friday 9/17. It is anticipated that an offer will be made by the end of September.

Targeted Ministry: The UUA recommended applying for this type of short-term minister. Keith Kron has a couple of possible candidates to recommend after he returns from a vacation. The people who were contacted about serving on a search committee for a contract minister will be asked to consider serving on the interim search committee instead.

Building Use Safety Plan: The planning for the reopening on 9/12 was extensive, but worthwhile, as the water communion service was a wonderful in-person gathering. 67 adults sat in the sanctuary and 9 adults plus about 16 children met outside. The socially distanced seating seemed to reach capacity at 67 so it is anticipated that future indoor services should be limited to that level of attendance. Before the 9/19 service a special notice will be sent via Constant Comment to advise people that 1. They should arrive early to insure a safe seat 2. Overflow seating will be available in the Oneto Community Room 3. Children with masks are welcome in the sanctuary 4. People who

are not vaccinated should plan to participate by watching services live, or recorded, on the UUCSC Facebook page.

Windows will be open if the outside temperature is between 50 to 70 degrees but above 70 the air conditioning will be turned on and those fans will circulate air above the seating area. No other fans will be used where people are seated in order to prevent any spread of contagions. The air purifiers will run 24/7 in the sanctuary, Oneto Room and the RE rooms. Each bathroom has an air purifier that will be turned on before services and shut off automatically after 4 hours.

A Covid Safety Task Force is being assembled to advise the Board regarding Covid safety as conditions change.

October 17 service: Bill Rodriguez and Mary Fulton will plan this service with input from Board members via email.

Fundraising: A chairperson is needed for this important work. Due to covid there will not be a holiday fair this year. Cleaning the building ourselves was a savings plan 2 years ago but now it is a necessity, as the current budget does not have an allowance for a cleaning. Nancy Dean will contact Natalie Herbermann for advice on how this was arranged previously.

Board Retreat: Discussion included topics to consider, including how to heal from recent conflict. More frequent, shorter retreats will be planned for evenings rather than full weekend days.

Adjourned 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Fulton, Clerk