

UUCSC Board of Directors Meeting November 17, 2021

Present: President Elizabeth Donovan, VP Elise Bender, Clerk Mary Fulton, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball, Directors, Charlie Donnelly, Trish Hindley and Bill Rodriguez

Call to Order: 6:00 PM by Elizabeth Donovan

Reading of Covenant and Invocation: Mary Fulton

Old Business: Mary Fulton will chair the Stewardship committee. Debbie Johnson and Sky Kimball will be on the committee. The Finance committee will provide full support for the Stewardship campaign. AA donated about \$1800 the year before covid. Lee Cowan has permission forms from parents for the use of photos that show RE children. Rev. Betty Kornitzer will be going to NC in mid- December.

Staff Reports were emailed to the Board members. **Printed copies are on file with the Board clerk.**

Treasurers Report: Mary Alice Kimball

The cash flow is fine. The mortgage balance is \$46,000. A bequest from Carolyn Hurdis has been received. It will not be used for operating expenses but after discussion with her husband, Dave Hurdis, it will be dedicated to an appropriate project. The Finance committee has been looking at demographics because of declining pledges over the past few years. They will make a presentation to the Board in January. Rev. Denis Paul has accepted a financial package. He may be able to begin working as of December 1, 2021.

MOTION: Mary Alice moves to engage Rev. Denis Paul in a contract to be the minister of UUCSC until June, 2023.

PASSED unanimously.

Committee on Ministry: The Board needs to appoint 4 members of the congregation to this important committee. People were suggested and Charlie Donnelly will make contact with them.

A decision about mask wearing by speakers at Sunday services will require more investigation.

Michael Galib has made plans for the Christmas Eve service. It will not be recorded nor will people be directed to view last year's service. Elise may need help with contact tracing that evening.

Fundraising: Need determine if the Music committee is planning to raise money for the congregation or only for the Music committee.

MOTION: Elizabeth moves to approve Nick Smith's proposal to have a fundraiser featuring *A Christmas Carol* on January 8, 2022.

PASSED unanimously.

Recording Services: Getting better each week but still a lot to work out long term. Apparently not many people view the services.

Key code: Still need to purchase a laptop computer. David Fulton will retrieve the old unusable laptop from the Lockshop.

Healing session: a donation of \$100 from the Board's budget line will be made to the Jonnycake Center as recognition for Rev. Susan Stiles work on November 3rd.

Coordinating Council notes have been sent to the Board members.

A winter retreat with Rev. Denis will be planned.

The next Board meeting will be December 15.

Adjourned 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fulton, Clerk