Present: President Elizabeth Donovan, VP Trish Hindley, Treasurer Mary Alice Kimball, Clerk Mary Fulton, Directors Charlie Donnelly and Russell Stokes
Not Present: Rev. Denis Paul and Director Elaine Stannard
Call to Order: 4:06 PM by Elizabeth Donovan
Reading of Covenant, chalice lighting and invocation: by Elizabeth Donovan
Check in

MOTION: Trish moves to ratify the June Board minutes that were approved via email. PASSED unanimously.

## No staff reports were requested.

## Treasurer's report: Printed copy on file with the clerk.

Mary Alice Kimball and Sue Rogala, instead of an accountant, are doing the end of the fiscal year accounting that is required by the bank. Due to the current economy the money market funds are going down as would be expected. There is \$16,400 reserved for the mortgage reduction with approximately \$20,000 in unpaid OLL pledges outstanding. The mortgage balance is now \$43,783.14. In the fall perhaps there will be a plan to retire the mortgage completely. The deficit for this year's operating expenses is \$2500.00. \$20,000.00 in pledges that have been paid early will be credited as of July 1st. All donations made to nonprofits from Share the Plate have been made including \$1247.00 paid to Mixed Magic Theater from the social justice service on June 29th.

## OLD BUSINESS:

Policy Handbook: The committee has not yet met.

Signage: Trish spoke with someone at the Town Hall in Wakefield. It is not legal to post signs on telephone poles or town property. The condo association has input on signs at Lily Pads.

General Assembly report: Little participation from our congregation. Mary Fulton mentioned a few programs that she attended virtually.

Dining4\$\$\$ update: \$7200.00 of the \$9000.00 bid has been collected. In August the Board will determine how much of the funds raised will be sent to the UUA as part of the Annual Program Fund (APF) since we are not able to give the full share that the UUA assessed based on our current budget.

Riverfire/Pridefest recap: There was a good turn out from our congregation and people at the event noticed our green shirts. Two other Riverfire events are likely to be good community awareness possibilities, but we need to think more about how to effectively reach out to people during such events.

Kayak meet ups: Another planned.

BYOE Picnics: Last one cancelled due to rain but another is planned. Hosts are needed.

Facilities: The front step railing is still in need of removal and replacement. An acting chairperson is also needed.

Summer services: Will Zoom only for another month until Rev. Denis returns. The homily is being recorded.

Unfilled chair positions: Membership and Facilities still open.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The Rhode Island Foundation has a speaker who may offer us suggestions for better governance and fundraising.

A Congregational business Meeting is being planned for Saturday September 17, probably from 11:00 till 1:00 with a break for lunch. The purpose of this meeting is to explore our mission and vision statements, determine whether or not our current activities really meet our expressed desires, and plan how we proceed given our shared goals and resources. Everyone should begin considering what to say at this meeting so the Board can make a good strategic plan, not only for this liturgical year, but for the future as well.

Adjourned 5:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Mary Fulton, Clerk

Next Board Meeting: August 17, 4-6 via Zoom Coordinating Council: Wednesday September 14, 4-6