

August 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

August 22, 2023

Agenda

Chalice Lighting

“Prayer for Living with Tension” by Joseph M. Cherry

Attendees:

Gerri Farrell, Rev Debra Haffner, Ken Buley-Neumar, Jenna Kern-Rugile, Allyson Barish, Connie Sorscher, Laura Otten.

Discussion and Vote Items:

- July 2023 Minutes – Jenna called for approving minutes as submitted. Connie seconded. Unanimous.
- Negotiating Team – Contract for new minister will be coordinated by Bob Bader. Two Board members needed: Treasurer plus one additional. Ken called for appointing Allyson and Connie to the Negotiating Team. Laura seconded. Unanimous.

Discussion Items:

- **Potential Cottage Rental** – Discussed concerns re additional request to place a large storage trailer (pod) near the Cottage, whether Town of Huntington permit would be needed, timing/frequency of deliveries/pickups, aesthetics, losing RE room for HS group in Cottage. Gerri will communicate with Gerard, who will speak with Realtor, declining request for pod, but OKing Cottage for use as office.
- **Finance Report** – Allyson: preliminary EOY bottom line shows surplus of \$16k, despite decreased income on Little Learners line. Fundraisers generated higher than expected income. There was unplanned tree removal costs under Maintenance. Pledges will close for 22-23 fiscal year as of 8/31/23. Pledge payments received after that will apply to 23-24 fiscal year. Some “tightening up” of procedures needed related to Vanco Systems. Cost of new windows came out of Reserves due to cost surpassing 15% of Building & Grounds’ budget. Allyson plans to discuss “Finance 101” at Board Retreat on 9/30 to support new members’ understanding of UUFH finances. Allyson will present more detailed budget at that time.
- **Progress Flag** – Proposal to hang a Progress Flag near the main Fellowship sign. Discussed replacement costs in case flag vandalized/stolen, involving Social Justice to establish commitment. Coordinate with Ministry to perform a dedication. Recommend to Jason to add raising the flag before the Homecoming Service. Suggest to Communications team to notify local news media.
- **75th Anniversary Progress** – Price to attend is \$25 per person. The Flash is more up-to-date. Bill Hawkins has Gallery for September. Brunch is scheduled for Sunday. UUFH will host the Revs Marshall, Graham and Geiger. Rev Arnold will attend via Zoom. No charge for children under 12. Richard Hyman will attend.

- **Website** (Ken) – ChurchGo has 2 week turn around. Website will be built in 2 weeks' time. We should update the website's link to Vanco before the new website goes live.
- **Movie Night** – Sandra, Ken & Gerri. A disabled young adult from Freeport congregation requests using UUFH to host Movie Night for disabled young adults. Discussed what UUFH's current policy is. None in place. Ask Anne Monnier to create policy and submit to Board for approval.
- **Safety Committee & Security Team** – Will be offering CPR and AED training.
- **COVID Task Force Update** –update included in Terry's Ministerial Search Committee report. Ongoing monitoring for upticks in COVID should be the task of a subcommittee of the Security & Safety Committee.
- **Secretary's Reminders** – Shelley not in attendance. Calendar is set. Homecoming is 9/10/23.
- **Building & Grounds** – Nothing is in writing about rentals. Precedes COVID. Ken will send a link.