

UUCOV Board of Trustees

Minutes of November 12, 2020 Meeting

Call to Order

- President Pamela Palmer called the meeting to order via zoom at 9:40 a.m.
- Virtual chalice lighting with Reverend Khleber reading opening words and Pam reading a poem
- Check in
- Members present: Pamela Palmer, Dave Lyon, Ken Boysworth, Steve Leapley, Nancy Janssen, and Claire Harrison. Also present, Reverend Khleber Van Zandt. Quorum present.
- No thank you notes identified as needing to be sent at this time.

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes approved as distributed via email.

Monthly Reports & Correspondence

- President's Report – No written report distributed. Agenda includes current key issues and items for discussion.
- Vice-President's Report – Minutes of this month's Coordinating Council meeting were distributed via email. Vice-President not in attendance at this month's meeting.
- Minister's Report – No written report at this time. Reverend Khleber's current focus is on beginning the planning for the reopening at some yet to be identified date. First step is recording of a trial live service planned for next week. A limited number of members have been invited to attend. Hope is that this will identify issues needing to be addressed. Steve brought up concerns about condition of campus and several areas he sees as needing to be addressed. Ken suggested that Steve tour the campus and make notes. There followed a discussion of various issues, including a plumbing problem that needs to be resolved. Steve volunteered to contact a plumber he has used in the past. Setting up seating in sanctuary in light of COVID will need to happen. First step is setting up 9 to 12 chairs for invitees of trial live service next week.
- Treasurer's Report - Sent via email

Where Are We Going?

- Discussed holding a zoom congregational conversation on Caring Committee, its work and its focus. It was agreed this should again happen and will be scheduled for some time in January.
- Discussed Annual meeting and whether we should be looking at planning for a live or a remote meeting. Opinion voiced that we should be planning both but most likely scenario is that it will be via zoom with online voting. Congregational conversation will be scheduled for March 10, 2021 with annual meeting scheduled for March 20, 2021.
- Salli is being asked whether Fellowship Meetings can be held outdoors on campus grounds at this time. Board agreed that we continue with policy as previously agreed upon that only informal get togethers are to be held on campus grounds for now thereby precluding Fellowship Groups, committee meetings, or any other congregation-related business on campus at this time.
- Nominating Committee members elected at our March 2020 annual meeting include John Halverson and Ruth Boysworth. Dave Lyon moved and it was seconded by Nancy Janssen to appoint Steve Leapley, Janet Knudsen, and Janet Lemoine to serve on the Nominating Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

- Board was asked to submit any suggestions related to re-organization of Policies and Procedures to Linda Underwood.
- Pat Franks and Richard Palmer have joined Pledge Drive Committee and that group has started their work. Dave reports he is currently working on developing next year's operating budget.
- Issue of how to do fund-raising in these times requires discussion. Fiscal Team will be asked to explore ideas and options. Advised by Dave to contact Fiscal Team with any ideas for specific fund-raising activities we may have.

What Have We Been Doing?

- Telephone Calls to Members and Friends - Ken reported he had received information from three of us, additional one in brief narrative form, and four not having yet sent him anything. Feedback thus far is that folks have been grateful for the call and that people have a strong desire for outdoor services either on or off site.

Other Business

- Steve is planning on hosting a campfire on campus. Nancy asked whether we might consider holding such an event as a fundraiser. Steve suggested this might be something for us to explore in the future but at least initially to hold this as an informal open event.
- Reverend Khleber spoke of the recently held Pathways Class and that five or six people in attendance having joined as members.
- Pam will speak with Bill Dowling about getting started on making the chancel accessible to all. Detailed plan needs to be developed and a congregational conversation needs to be scheduled. There also needs to be targeted fund raising planning developed and undertaken to cover costs. Reverend Khleber expressed concern that the chancel being made accessible may not be seen as vital by all members of the congregation. Dave suggested setting up an ad hoc committee.

Next Meeting

- Next scheduled meeting will be held Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. via zoom.

Adjournment

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Harrison, Secretary