

Unity of Greater Hartford  
Board of Trustees Minutes  
Dec. 16 and 28, 2021

**Attending:** Lee Dittman, Angela Cimadon, Sandra Dickerson, Sue Smallidge, Christine Kiely, Wendy Billings, Rev. Christine Boylan (At 7:20pm Angela needed to leave the meeting)

Pray in - 6:40, Rev. Christine  
MasterMind prayer - Lee Dittman

### Old Business

- **November minutes** - Sue - Minutes approved via email
- **Future Events Calendar** - Angela - Reviewed
- **Suggestions from congregants - Oct. 3, Unity Community Meeting** - Additional suggestions - Visualize what we wish for UofGH, creation of a marketing committee, and fund/fun raisers were discussed. All suggestions will be discussed again at our Jan. Board Mtg, in preparation for our Annual Meeting.
- **Christmas Eve** - Dec. 24th. Discussion - Motion was made and seconded that singing be allowed on Christmas Eve with everyone required to wear face masks for the entire service. Passed unanimously
- **New Year's Eve** - Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Discussion
- **Holiday Board Gathering** - Dec. 18th - 3:45 meeting at church for carpooling

### Reports

- **Minister** - Membership Renewals: Board Members will be asked to connect with present congregants who have not yet renewed. Discussion of time to honor Deborah Giddings. Sunday. Jan. 23rd was chosen for an in-service thank you. Heater was fixed with a temporary fix and a permanent part will be installed at a later date. Two people have applied to be members – Miriam Cora Brown and Maria Main. Motion made, seconded and passed that Miriam and Maria be accepted as new members.
- **Treasurer** - Discussion of proposed budget.
- **Finance - Executive Session** to discuss the Minister's salary will be held on Tuesday, December 28th at 6:30.
- **Pray Out** - Sandra

### December Board Meeting resumed at 6:35 on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Attending – all were present (Sue Smallidge left the meeting at 7:50 pm)

- Pray in - Rev. Christine
- **Old Business** - Rev. C. gave us an explanation of how her salary is paid, the taxes paid by her on her salary and her right to decide what portion of her salary will go toward the manse.
- **Executive session** - Motion was made, seconded and passed to give Rev. Christine a salary increase in recognition of her stellar work as our minister during very challenging times.

### New Business

- **Vote on 2022 Budget** -A motion was made, seconded and voted to approve the 2022 Budget, including the salary increase for Rev. Christine.
- **Nominating Committee Report** - Christine Kiely - We have one candidate.
- **Board Goal** - Tabled until January
- **Annual Meeting** - possible date is Feb. 13th. Please contact Rev. Christine **immediately** if you find this date is NOT possible for you.
- **Update on COVID protocols** - Discussion on the rise in COVID cases in CT and a possible change in our current protocols. A motion was made, seconded and passed that face masks will be required for all in the church building and on the grounds of the church for the month of January, including the New Year's Eve Burning Bowl Service.

Submitted by Sue Smallidge, Secretary

### **Important Dates**

Board Meeting: Thursday- Jan. 20 - 6:30-8:30

In-service thank you for Deborah Giddings - Jan 23

Annual Meeting - Feb. 13th