

Unity of Greater Hartford
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
Sept, 16, 2021

Attending: Lee Dittman, Angela Cimadon, Sandra Dickerson, Sue Smallidge, Christine Kiely, Wendy Billings, Rev. Christine Boylan

Pray in - 6:35, Rev. Christine
MasterMind prayer - Lee Dittman

Old Business

- August minutes – Sue - were approved via email
- Future Events Calendar – Angela - Reviewed
- **Church Picnic** - Sept 26, discussion - A great time for fellowship and fun. Tony will bring paper goods. Congregants will bring their own lunches and may bring finger food desserts to share. Those participating in the Cookie Contest should bring 3 dozen cookies.
- **Unity Community Meeting** - Oct 3, 12:00 noon - a chance to update congregants on the state of our church building - our spiritual center and our community. Agenda will be created by Lee and Rev. C. and Board members will be given an item to present. Some discussion points included: The Board of Trustees and Finance Committee are stewards of our church building and our community; Service = time, talent and \$; Given our financials, what would serve us now? What do we want more of? How can we all take ownership? Prayer first; Provide notecards for suggestions from the congregants. Reconnection! Our services have observers as well as participants. We want connection. Even if one is not coming in to the building how are they staying connected to our physical church and how can they participate in making sure our church building is still here. Commitment cards allow the Finance C to budget for the next year.

Reports

- **Minister** - Rev. Christine reviewed her monthly report. Portico is fixed! Thank you to Toni for taking on the huge task of writing the weekly newsletter. Lessons in Truth class for membership. May be live and/or zoom. Class on cooking is a possibility. Please contact Rev. C if you have other ideas for fun zoom classes that could be offered through UofGH
- **Treasurer** - Sandra - Our estimated deficit for 2021 is \$24,000.
- **Finance** - Bookstore: Lending Library -will be updated next month.

New Business

- **Board Goals** - ideas included the words prayer, connection and faith.
- **Membership Class** - looking for Board participants. Contact Rev. C if interested.
- **Executive Meeting Date** - Minister and Board Performance Review - Executive meetings will be held on Tuesday Sept 28, at 6:00 on zoom and on Monday, Oct. 11, at 4:00 in the church building.

- **Pray Out** - Christine

Submitted by Sue Smallidge, Secretary