

President's Report
UUC Board of Trustees Meeting
October 9, 2022

It always amazes me that often when there is an incident (usually negative), it starts a domino effect leading us to do any number of activities to help stop the incident from happening again – even when it is not entirely possible to do so. I am referring to the vandalism issues on Church property.

As a result of these incidents, we have once again started focusing on Safety and Security for our congregation, we began by reactivating and upgrading our cameras. They are now all transmitting, we have a new app to use for monitoring the activity, Judy has learned to access the cameras and we are having the recording software upgraded to better fit our needs. I have also asked our Tech about moving two of the cameras – one to face the south entrance and the other to spot the front door area. We will be looking for monitors to help check these cameras once they are properly situated.

In addition, Judy worked with Parks Waste management over the illegal recycling, and they suggested we add wheels to the recycling dumpster, move it into the same enclosure as the trash dumpster and add signage. That has been done. It is now invisible from the street and has also stopped the trash enclosure from being used as living quarters. And we did not have to do it or pay for it. (We had to pay for the pickup but not the move.) Kudos to Parks for their assistance on this.

We also have an appointment with our Insurance Agent from Guide One to discuss renewal of our policy. We may have an increase as we have made three claims against the insurance over a 4-year period. There is a rumor that our deduction will be increased but then Judy has heard that is happening all over. So maybe it is only a normal cost increase for service. We will ask the questions brought forth by the board at the last meeting as well as some we came up with and will report back before we sign a renewal. Liz suggested we do some shopping around. Judy and I agreed; however, if the price is close I recommend we remain with this agency. We have had unquestionably good service over the years with this Agency.

Maintenance Work

Brooke reported all the light bulbs have been exchanged – and yes there are still 4 out in the sanctuary. Brooke and Jim called in an electrician - a real live one –who told us the issue is not the bulbs but a panel in the electrical box that controls those four lights. That particular panel requires a new part to repair. The electrician has found the part and will

install to the tune of \$738. There is no free lunch! I do not have a date on this; it will probably be three or four weeks. (Same with the window in the minister's office)

Special Request:

Proposed Minister Emeritus Process

Susie Cole has been researching the process for creating an emeritus position for a former Minister or staff. In previous meetings we have briefly discussed doing this for Terry Sims. Susie would like to proceed in this endeavor. Her proposal is attached to this message.

Please review the process and if possible be prepared to vote on her "request to proceed in the process." Susie is at a point where she needs approval to go forward. Remember we can pull this from the Consent agenda for discussion requested. Thank you

Committees/Activities/Volunteers

Social Justice –

- Pride Month is off and running. We are participating in the parade as well as the festival. If you can Sharon and Mary Ellen could use help in the booth at the festival both Saturday and Sunday. We will have the Banners up this weekend, and we now have an extra one for the parade.
- We are continuing with our **UUtheVote** activity under the leadership of Michael Piper, Claudia Yaeger Smith, and the women's Group among others; we did receive the \$500 grant from the UUA for use in support of the activity.

Membership:

We have added new members this summer and there have been several visitors who began attending this summer and are continuing to attend. Let us make sure we all recognize them on Sundays when they are with us.

Finance:

Jan held her second meeting on October 2 and the committee approved the Charter which is attached to this information and will be looked at Sunday. Beth Malmgren has had to resign due to health issues so we will be looking for someone to chair the Investment Committee and to sit set on the Finance Team.

Sunday Services Team:

We have been discussing among the group how we can cover Sunday Mornings in an organized manner. We have greeters at the door, a welcome person at the sign in desk and ushers at the Sanctuary doors. We would like to create a system that would allow for members to share the responsibility when someone is missing. This is a work in progress.

Stewardship/ Fundraising Activities:

- Ice Cream Social - \$560 – Completed
- Coffee House Evening - October 29th – 6—8PM. Trying to set up process for Members to buy tickets on-line.
- Fall Barbeque - November 4pm to 7pm - Tickets online - we hope

Volunteers:

Every one of these teams/committees need volunteers –along with the Technology Team and Hospitality Group. In order to help create a pool of volunteers, MaryEllen Baker and Sharon Steigmann have “volunteered” to plan and implement a Volunteer Sunday where committees can set up tables and talk to members about what opportunities are available for involvement.

November 13th after Services is the date and Invitations will be going out to all Committee Chairs and Team Leaders to join us in that day. This will be their opportunity to find new members to join their Cause. (We will be serving the remainder of the Ice Cream on that day – no charge)

Website Work:

Toni and I are working on several pieces of the website – we need new pictures and new verbiage for some of the areas. The major focus now is to get the MSC site up and functioning for members and interested visitors (Ministers) to access and find information. Juliet is working with Toni on this Page.

I think that's it! If I have forgotten anything, please remind me –

Yours in faith, friendship, and appreciation
Sherry