

UCC BOARD MINUTES
JULY 14, 2022, 5 p.m. Zoom

Board Members Present: Michaela Loisel (Pres.), Kathy Ann Shaw (Immediate Past Pres.), Susan Burnett (Vice-President), Terry Cairn, Nancy Fritz (Treas.), Catherine Palmer (Clerk) and Hal Booth

Absent: Catherine Emery

Chalice Lighting

Words to Inspire: Michaela delivered personal remarks

Members read the Board of Trustees Covenant and then checked in

REPORTS:

The Board voted unanimously to accept the four-page **Clerk's Report of June 9**, as edited (see attached). The clarifying sentences were: "The business-on-line bank FOB shall be assigned to the Treasurer, Nancy Fritz. This FOB allows on-line access to all accounts held by UCC at Kennebec Savings Bank, including the ability to view accounts and to transfer money between accounts." Former Clerk Karen Foust also inserted edits suggested by Kathy Ann.

There was no **Treasurer's Report**. Nancy Fritz reported that the church officials were still recording July expenses attributed to 2021, and a small carryover for the next fiscal year may result. She also reported that Marilyn Dunn, Invested Funds chair, has been given access to the church's Endowment accounts.

The Board voted unanimously to accept the motion proposed by Nancy Fritz, and seconded by Harry Grimmnitz, that, "**Effective August 1, 2022, the only two authorized signatories for the UCC Minister's Discretionary Account will be Christina Sillari (Minister) and Nancy Fritz (Treasurer).**"

Finance Committee's Report: Harry Grimmnitz reviewed the June meeting held at Nancy Fritz' outdoor venue and said that introducing the new UCC bookkeeper, Louise Allen, was helpful. The Treasurer pointed out to the Board that the Rev. Carie Johnsen Social Justice Fund will be self-sustaining at \$25,000 in value. The current balance is approximately \$23,000 invested in a fluctuating stock market. Page 1 of 2, Board Minutes, July 14, 2022

COVID-19 Task Force's Report: Terry and Harry reported that the Advisory Group did not meet in June, so there was no report. The Board asked the Advisory Group to consider allowing the pulpit presenters and Worship Arts Associates to remove masks.

President's Report: Michaela Loisel - NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Ministerial Support Plan Update:

Christina Sillari, who worked many years for the First Parish UU Church in Portland, has signed a one-year contract to serve the UUCC of Augusta, part-time, beginning Aug. 1st. She will offer Sunday services from the pulpit twice a month -- from September to June (including Christmas Eve). Her contracted additional work includes Pastoral care and staff supervision.

The Board discussed at length the future settled Ministerial needs of the UUCC.

Unfilled Leadership Positions:

Worship Arts Chair – Marilyn Gordon has stepped down, and a new volunteer has expressed interest. Karen Allen agreed to take on administrative tasks.

Committee on Ministry – The Board approved by email vote Sean Fritz as a new member.

Board Retreat – Catherine Emery and Susan Burnett will begin planning the Sunday, September 18, Board Retreat.

Restorative Justice – Kathy Ann Shaw, Michaela Loisel and Harry Grimmnitz will form an ad-hoc workgroup for next steps, which will include the distribution of Rev. Paul's assessment.

ADJOURNMENT: 7 p.m.

Next Board of Trustees meeting is August 11, 5 p.m., on Zoom