

## STEERING COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 21, 2022 MINUTES

Attending: Kelli, Gary, Sarah and Nanette

Absent: Jean, Barb

Meeting called to order at 9:15AM

Check-In

Approval of Agenda – Sarah moved to approve; Nan seconded. All said Aye.

Approval of Minutes – With Amendments Sarah moved to approve the Minutes; Nan seconded. All said Aye.

Treasurers Report – Sarah stated that we are in the red by \$3,000.00 from January – October, 2022. \$8,000.00 in pledges not received. Sarah will take over the Treasurer's duties effective January 1, 2023. Checking balance- \$9,705.33 and Savings balance - \$23,129.49.

Vouchers – Marissa Dodge - \$75.00; FUS Minister - \$1,363.00; Compass Programming \$20.00

Motion made for approval to change banks in December. It was decided that we would bank with Royal Credit Union. The change would require Barb, Sarah and Bruce to close the existing bank account which they will do. Sarah and Bruce will open the new account at Royal Credit Union by mid-December.

Nan moved to approve; Sarah seconded. All said Aye.

In the coming Newsletter, an announcement will be made regarding pledges that can be made automatically to the new Royal Credit Union account once it is opened. Routing and transit number will be provided.

Sarah suggested that we have a spreadsheet indicating expenses in lieu of vouchers for pre-approved monthly expenses.

Financial Administer- May need to seek alternative to the purchase of equipment for this person, who would then be considered an employee. Sarah offered the use of her Apple computer.

Kelli – Seminary has a program called Convergence which does church assessments of congregational life. It's a data driven program. A 70% participation is needed for the Survey which measures everything related to Congregations. In the November 30<sup>th</sup> Newsletter the Survey link will be given with a request to return them by a December 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Survey will take about twenty minutes to complete. Suggestions will be relayed to us.

The January 1<sup>st</sup> Service will be an online Service, due to the holiday.

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April 2<sup>nd</sup> – The UU's at the UN office in Boston out of the UUA National office are coming to Minneapolis to speak to UU's regarding mass incarceration issues from March 30 – April 3<sup>rd</sup>. The April 2<sup>nd</sup> Service will be held at FUS. We will look into Marianne's bus service so SCUUF can attend the service. Kelli suggested a follow up session after attending the luncheon at FUS around 12:15 for a discussion on the Presentation or the Convergence Survey. We would leave around 2:00PM.

### Committee Reports

#### Sunday Services-

It was decided that the Steering Committee would make the decision to hold Zoom Services in the event of a re-insurgence of Covid or other determining factors.

Marty suggested that we hire a musician for the 10 to 12 Services during 2023. Marty would coordinate the dates. The cost would be \$75.00 for each musician, for a total cost of up to \$900.00 to come from the Contingency fund for 2023.

Motion to approve made by Sarah. Nan seconded. All said Aye.

Attendance ideas were discussed. Circle Suppers were suggested. Liesel and Sue will designate a person to organize the suppers again as a way to bring the membership closer together. Another suggestion was to start a phone tree. Leann might be willing to do this as she updated the Directory.

Pledge ideas such having a person give a short story each week about why they pledge to SCUUF were discussed. Sarah will designate a person to speak on December's 2<sup>nd</sup> Service, and Gary will speak on the first Sunday.

Sarah, Bruce and Barb will present ideas for initiating an endowment fund or a building fund.

The February 26<sup>th</sup> **Jazz** Service will be held at the Taylor's Falls Depot. Gary will reserve the building.

Ann will organize a 2023 Board Welcome and Training session at a date TBA. Topics include understanding the Financial Reports and By-laws.

The new Steering Committee board members will be announced in the January meeting.

A membership Future Forward Advance Retreat was discussed. Location ideas and dates to be announced. Topics to include new home for SCUUF, Endowment, etc.

**Next Meeting – Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at NWR at 9:00AM.**

Meeting adjourned at 11:01AM.