UUCNH meeting Minutes 8/15

Minutes from prior meeting – accepted unanimously

Liaison reports : Ellen reach out to Mark Draa about Bellwood WiFi concern

Accept – Robin, Second- Susie

5. Action Items update

- Safety team – full team assembled – met Sunday. Tasks have been laid out and agreed to
- Fundraising Team - doodle poll went out and meeting will ensue
- Silent Auction – Elizabeth E will talk to Sybil Baumwell

6. Little House was demolished

7. DLFD Search – will meet on 8/22 and will start with prelim planning for congregational town hall in October, look at job descriptions and more forward

8. Governance change next steps – Ed Rockman wants retreat; governance team should help us with transition, Robyn to reach out to Ed Rockman for dates

9. Interim ministry next steps – goal of interim is to function as consultants, help us continue to articulate what is important and identify what we need most. Want to focus justice on 1-2 issues, start coffee house, listening circles – help us do big thinking. Never about perfection but rather, presence.

10. Endowment – we need more info on the Bellwood part; is it unrestricted or do we control and Bellwood withdraws – Robyn to talk with congregant and get specifics. As for bulk of grant, is it prudent to spend the full grant on the memorial garden? Could hire architect and get estimates? Or go bigger picture/green sanctuary that aligns with larger vision? Yes support memorial garden but also include runoff/wildlife/rewatering/etc. Remember board is the gatekeeper and anything we do sets precedence – following boards will have to deal with aftermaths. Think about some kind of rule that we can accept $$ only if we can decide where 50% of grant goes. Let’s find out what other congregations do. Need to make sure gifts support mission and needs. First we have retreat and talk about goals – then we approach giver and ask them to contribute toward these.

11. Focus Areas – will need to decide what kind of focus each of these will take - will address at retreat

12. Retreat, Board Lunch, and Interim startup dates confirmed

13. New Business – Robyn to reach out to the governance task force to discuss dates and who should be involved.