

President's Report to the Board:

December 17, 2022

It has only been 5 weeks since our last meeting - it seems longer. And yet I seem to have less to report than usual. I believe it is we now have full reports from Jan and from Sam to cover what has been happening in our congregation. I will try not to repeat what they have already covered.

As you all know our Music Director has chosen to leave due to an unintended but still unfortunate incident at our service on November 13. His talent will be missed; however, Maggi and MaryAnn have stepped in to fill the void and I think we can look forward to services filled with wonderful musical selections. More on this in the meeting.

The result of this incident and Paul's leaving hopefully has led our congregation to a more open discussion of issues that we so often have kept buried or at best discussed superciliously. Sam's return to the area from Dallas and our subsequent meetings with the board, the choir and the congregation to discuss and listen to the concerns on what happened and how we will choose to respond to it were most helpful and left many feeling that we are moving forward in our handling of difficult or sensitive subjects.

On Thursday , November 24th,- the Grants provided, for members and friends, a wonderfully planned and implemented UUCS Thanksgiving Day Feast. I was not there; however, I heard nothing but superb reports from those who attended, and if the reports are correct, we had between 35 and 40 very satisfied attendees. It would be wonderful to see this tradition return as it does fill a need for many in our community.

Included in your materials is the report from the Nominating Committee. I won't repeat the candidates for the positions open but would ask that you review them and if you have no questions, we include this report in the consent agenda. You will note that we are gaining one of our newer members from WVUU with Board experience and an overflowing amount of energy. Patricia will be leaving the board (after two full terms) to go forth and do other tasks for this Community. Her work and her presence is so appreciated and she will be missed.

A quick report on the MSC – they “dropped” the full document package for the Ministerial Search into the Transition's Office of the UUA on December 1. It was accepted as complete and added to the first round of openings. This is now a time of reflection and quiet anticipation while we wait for January 3 when the UUA opens the first round to ministers going through search. Our team has done a superb job of gathering and compiling information about us to share with those in the Search process.

Just an informational item on services- we are currently live streaming to Facebook only. There appears to be a glitch in our ability to live stream to two different venues. The crew is investigating the issues and the belief is that it may be a software issue. Their investigation so far - revealed we are not the only ones having this issue. Some of the reports online from other soundboard guys think it happened when YouTube did an upgrade. It may also be the upload speed which will involve working with Cox. Stay tuned.

Please review the financial information you received from Margaret and Jan on this year's final figures. It does appear we may be finishing in the black thanks to a generous donation from an unknown source. Hold a good thought and I will see you all Sunday

Blessings
Sherry