Minutes of the Woodridge Congregational Church U.C.C. Executive Board Meeting February 19, 2020

Present: Courtney Lombardi _____ Ray Perrotta_X___ Bob Cole__X__ Marsha Southard__X__Grant Southard,___X__ Rev. Scott Spencer__X__ Laura Dillon __X___ Debra Moretti__X___Nancy Quintiliani:____X___ Carmen Steinbreicher___X And Ken Kinoian in for Courtney Lombardi

The Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made to accept the January 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes as printed. Motion carried.

<u>**Treasurer's Report</u>**: Ray reported that he was still inputting the budget figures. Some of the non-budgeted figures need to be changed. Ray transferred \$5,000 to the money market account. Financial report attached.</u>

<u>Rev. Scott Spencer:</u> Rev. Scott led the meeting with a printed prayer he shared with the Executive Board and then led the Board in prayer. He stated that he received a request from the National Office of the Open and Affirming Committee. The UCC support the committee but does not have them as part of the budget of the UCC and contribution would be appreciated. He suggested that we do a contribution and will get some answers as to how the funds would be distributed. Bill Comeau will be covering the service on Sunday. A check will be processed for the Gay Pride event.

Stewardship, Buildings and Grounds: The Committee is obtaining quotes for windows, air conditioning, and the kitchen. A recent repair in the kitchen caused some damage to the school downstairs and required repair. An insurance claim was filed. Looking to do a yard sale the last week of May and the Rainbow Girls may participate in that event. The office will soon need a new computer.

Service Report: Bob reported that three turkeys we had in our freezer were donated to the Food Pantry. The hats and mittens that were left also were donated. The Lenten collection will be for the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House and will continue through Easter. The new contact at CCAP is Sherie Diaz.

<u>Worship Report:</u>. Nancy reported that the Committee had their first meeting with Scott and Eric. They are also working on the Easter plants decorations, etc. They will be ordering through Budsies again. Orders will begin on March 15th. The Committee will be doing welcome breads again and the Halleluiah Chorus will perform on Easter Sunday. Also discussed was Ash Wednesday service.

<u>Christian Education:</u> Laura reported that there will be a Communion Class again this year with First Communion on May 3rd. This will be for third graders and older – approximately 8 children. The Committee met the end of January. Children will stay in church on Communion Sundays but young children will sit with their teachers beginning in April. Hope is putting together the Lenten lesson with a travel theme. Their meeting in January was a Vision Meeting and focused on the younger children and the older children in Sunday School. The Nursery is not used and they are going to put a blanket in the Narthex for the youngest children.

Membership and Fellowship: Ken reported that help was needed in setting up for the Birthday Party but no one volunteered. It was difficult as the heavier tables were necessary. He suggested perhaps compiling a list of volunteers to help with set up. They are looking into buying new tables that would be easier to set up. The Game Night –pot luck is on March 21st and set up will be in the afternoon.

Member at Large: Nothing to report.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business: Nothing to report.

Moderator: Moderator noted that the next meeting is March 18, 2020 and there will be no April meeting of the Board.

All committee reports were accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Debra Moretti, Clerk