

August 13th @ 4 pm, Zoom
Agenda (by Claudia) and Notes (by Brenda)

People present: Claudia Clark (President); Ansel Ploog (Vice-President); Fran Dodd (Financial Officer); Brenda Bean (Secretary); At-large Members Steve Gold, Hugo Liepmann, and Jen Mathews.

4:00 Check-ins: Welcome Jen!

4:05 Chalice Lighting (Claudia) and Reading: *Ansel read from Undrowned: Black Feminist Lessons from Marine Mammals by Alexis Pauline Gumbs.*

4:15 Review Agenda - any changes? *None requested.*

Approve Minutes from July 19th and August 5: *Postponed for next meeting.*

4:20 Update from FRuUT: The elevette cannot be repaired *but likely can be replaced, requiring movement of the Sanctuary doors toward the north wall.* What are the next steps? *We know accessibility is important to our congregation and we need to replace the elevette but are not ready with details about how to proceed. Most of the expected expense is built into the spreadsheet. **FRuUT should include someone from the Accessibility Committee (Liz Benjamin, Mary Alice Bisbee, Sam Clark?) in coming to recommendations about the elevette.***

Updated Costs: [UCM July 2023 flood losses and costs spreadsheet](#) *The estimates have changed with more information, now totaling \$206,000. We don't want to change what we are asking the congregation for from the Long-Term Invested Funds (LTIF) because we don't know yet what will really be needed. We are relying heavily on volunteers and have not added the potential cost of contractors to put walls back into the offices or for any deconstruction that might be needed in the kitchen. It would be better to over-estimate than to under-estimate costs.*

We want to tell the congregation that, so far, over \$46,000 in donations has been received from ?# of donors. Along with the UUA grant and insurance reimbursement, the Flood Recovery Fund now includes more or less \$106,000. THANK YOU; we hope that amount will grow!

We need to reopen safely and that cannot happen by September 10. After reopening, we will meet in person to figure out what to do for the future.

Financial Policies [Financial-Policies amended-11.28.18.pdf](#) *The Board reminded itself – and FruT – that more than one written bid is required for big expenditures, and the bids should be for the same clear scope of work.*

4:30 Review and Approve Slide Presentation
[2023 Flood Recovery Aug 20 Overview Draft2.pptx](#)
Would like to add to Warning, Website and send it with eNews (Wed.)

As things are discovered this week may add/change info.

Assign presenters.

Questions and Answers - who to answer which questions?

Procedures in place to handle possible issues/questions we can't answer?

5:00 Review Agenda and Script

[Agenda Spec Cong Meeting Aug 20 2023](#)

Discuss/Assign Times: *The congregation will be able to ask questions during discussion of the formal questions, #1 and #2.*

Assign roles:

- ***Claudia will read the protocols and confirm the quorum. (If not a quorum, proceed through the updates and try counting again later. Could ask members to text other members they know to join! Could allow people to discuss the formal questions and get a sense of the congregation via informal votes. How to remind people to join the meeting? Ask Elaine to send out a reminder for UCM; Jen will put it on the "Friends of UCM Facebook" site.)***
- ***Ansel will do Chalice Lighting and then seek motion to elect Moderator (Hugo will make the motion) and oversee voting.***
- ***Moderator takes over running the meeting, seeking approval of the agenda.***

Does the Agenda need to be in the Warning? *No, the Warning just needs to include the business to be conducted...but having an agenda there is good!*

5:15 Review Roles and Responsibilities

[Roles Spec Cong Aug 20 2023](#)

Joan will write her letter; Hugo will read it.

Update from the Board, with introduction by Moderator Steve to establish a shared understanding of what has happened (saying questions should wait for discussion of the official questions/motions):

--re: damages (Phil Morse will speak, 10 minutes) and repairs (Kris Hammer will speak, 10 minutes) – to link with Claudia's slides...Elaine will be the "slide master."

--Fran will speak to the financial situation, simply: income, estimated costs with items listed but without associated costs per items, only in total; remaining need (5 minutes). Fran will mention the Board has already approved payment of some (at least one) bills ahead of time.

Question 1: (Ansel will make this motion.) Money has come specifically into the Flood Recovery Fund and we are asking permission to spend it. Some people might question why we are spending any money to reopen; why not just move on? Answer: We aren't emotionally prepared to just walk away, and time is needed to raise funds to do something different. 30 minutes for discussion and vote.

Question 2: (Hugo will make this motion.) For approval, 2/3 vote required from remaining people (not of original quorum...Steve later confirmed this with Ryan Kane) to spend the LTIF beyond the originally-approved 5%. 30 minutes for discussion and vote.

Who counts? If a close vote, we might have to take screen shots for stable counting. Need 2-3 people to do this to compare counts and connect via Chat. Elaine? Ask Meredith to help? Sue Stukey? Results to be reviewed by the Moderator. If necessary, focus on the likely-to-be-smaller "No" vote....

If a motion is made to "Call the Question" the Moderator must follow that procedure, which at least temporarily stops discussion on the motion itself. Ansel asked that the Moderator tell people what "Call the Question" means. Steve asked for a reminder if necessary.

5:30 Review Intro Slides

[Flood Recovery Meeting Slides](#) – Say how we vote; these may be modified.

5:45 Anything else to do? Do we need to meet again (subset?) – **Someone (?) should make the motion to adjourn the Special Meeting by 6:00 p.m. We will all sign onto the Special Meeting as early as 3:30 p.m.** Subgroups may talk with each other. Jen may miss the Special Meeting due to family commitments. **Reminder of annual retreat August 24 starting at 9:30 a.m. at Claudia's home.**

5:55 Discuss "Thank you notes" to Donors (including UUA) and Volunteers - Recognize FRuuT, especially Kris Hammer. In near future, send hand-written thank-you notes to the volunteers (rely on lists of volunteers from Emily, Joan, Peter Thoms, Kris, etc.). **Claudia will ask Meredith if we can use her hand-made cards.**

6:00 Adjourn