

## USG Board of Trustees Meeting - 4/28/20

1. **MET Report** - A letter went out today to the congregation specifying ways members of the congregation can receive help from USG and also how members can help the church during this pandemic.
2. **Sullivan Fund** - the fund provides help to individual members, as well as to community groups, but emphasis is on helping USG individuals/families. Three board members met with the Sullivan committee to discuss how a special fund can be set up to meet greater needs of both USG members and wider community during the pandemic. The new fund would include a substantial contribution from the Sullivan Fund. The Sullivan committee indicated that the current process for requesting funds from the committee works well and doesn't need to change. The minister is made aware of a need and relays that need to the committee who then reviews the details and makes a decision. The desire and intent to move forward is there, but more work needs to be done to come to agreement regarding process and amounts.
3. **Covid Relief Fund** - The following motion was approved:  
The Board requests that a specific fund for Covid Relief for the church community and the larger community be created by MET, with joint oversight by the Board and MET.
4. **Awards** - Candidates for the Hit the Ground Running, Congregational and Lifetime Achievement Awards were nominated and discussed.  
Lifetime Achievement: Rudy Sprinkle  
Congregational: Eric Foster, Shobi Kanal and Gerry Whelan  
Hit the Ground Running: Lisa Dutton
5. **Money** - Cash flow looks good at this point, although things are certainly in flux and this could change significantly. We applied for a Federal Stimulus Loan/Grant of approximately \$60,000. Discussion ensued about our options for dealing with the expected deficit if the stimulus money doesn't come through. Decision made to keep goal of operating with no deficit next year.
6. **Fundraising** - Fundraising options were discussed. We received a donation of \$10,000 that will be used to help us develop the most effective fundraising models. Kent suggested fireside chats.
7. **Building and Grounds** - Should we dip further into the Edna Jones fund for B+G projects? About \$17,000 left in regular B+G budget. Edna Jones fund is down to only \$94,000. A committee was formed composed of Board and MET members to explore how to handle funds from Edna Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sam Stormont - USG Board of Trustees Secretary