

USG Board of Trustees Minutes - 07/28/20

1. **Approval of minutes from 6/23/20** - approved with the following corrections: our new board member is Lee **Meinicke** (corrected spelling of last name) and “going green” refers to different levels of pandemic regulations.
2. **Coordination Among Committees and Task Forces** - We need to clarify responsibilities and authority. Clarification is needed regarding who makes decisions. Andrea Parry will offer a presentation for the Board and MET describing the USG governance structure. We need to include the Safety Committee in the decision making process during this pandemic. We also need to avoid operating at cross purposes and when possible, make things more fun. The MET intended to be the coordinator and facilitator. We need to consider what we have learned during this Covid period and strike a proper balance between individual initiative and effectively using our committee structure to accomplish tasks and goals.
3. **MET Report** - included in July agenda -No separate MET report this month.
4. **Cooperative Nursery School** - The Cooperative Nursery School presented a proposal for reopening to the USG Board and requested Board approval. It was agreed that the church counsel, David Deardon, should be asked to review the document and the situation generally, to ensure that it presents no legal or liability issues for USG. The Home School will coordinate with CNS regarding use of space within the USG building. In addition, other committees such as Buildings and Grounds and Safety and the church Administrator should be asked for input. A Working Group for the CNS proposal was created and Andrea Barsevick and Nancy Anderson will be the Board representatives for this group.
5. **Covid Relief Committee** - The committee is comprised of Sam Stormont, John Davis (chair) and Eva Finney. Eric Foster created a chart with candles that was published in the Communicator to promote and encourage donations to the fund as well track progress toward the \$50,000 goal. So far, grants have been made to 2 organizations and 1 individual(now 2 individuals and 1 family as of 8/21/20). We need to raise an additional \$1,300 to trigger the completion of the \$10,000 matching challenge (we have now exceeded \$10,000 in member donations and have received the full match).
6. **Future of USG** - Committee chair Maggie Beaumont noted that there are 20 committee members, explaining that it's great to have so many people interested in contributing ideas for USG's future, but it presents some logistical problems. They will probably split into subcommittees, including micro picture (details) and macro picture (big picture), to make things more manageable. Questions to be tackled include: 1) What do we want the next decade of USG to look like? 2) What do we think in-person services should look like? Various other issues have been raised for discussion.

7. **FUNdraising committee** - An RFP for a consultant will go out soon to fundraising organizations and individuals and we hope to hire someone by the fall to create a marketing plan.

8. **How to Account for Spending of Covid Relief Fund** - The Sullivan Fund committee and the Covid Relief Committee will communicate. Sullivan will let Covid know if they give a grant that is Covid-related. Maggie Beaumont will serve as board liaison and communication bridge to the Sullivan committee.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sam Stormont - USG Board Secretary