

Stewardship Team Annual Report, 2020-2021

Co-Chairs: Karen Murray, Marie Jones

Members: Jim Bonvouloir, Brian Ibsen-Johnson, Vengerflutta Smith

Staff Liaisons: Rev. Allison Palm, Sherri Woolsey, Ericka LaValley

Stewardship Team Responsibilities: Fundraising on behalf of UUCN

Team Accomplishments:

In early 2020, the pledge drive had been completed before the Covid pandemic forced the closure of the church. The team then had to come up with some strategies in order to continue fundraising in spite of the restrictions of Covid. The team agreed that with the restrictions early on, the normal spring auction had to be postponed until the fall. The team researched and decided on a method which would enable us to hold the normal spring auction online. Sherri was able to obtain a license for an online auction package called Auctria, and the team was able to host the event in October, 2020.

The team solicited donations of art and other items and entered them into Auctria. Brian Ibsen-Johnson did a fabulous job in setting up the catalog, and getting the auction rolling. With enthusiastic participation of donors and bidders, UUCN was able to take in proceeds amounting to \$2,495.71.

On February 7 of this year, the Stewardship Team began the annual pledge drive. Our theme was the same as last year, "Fueling Our Flame". As it has been in the last few years, Reverend Allison's goal was \$350,000, which we had been unable to achieve. But this year, UUCN was able to bring in \$353,495.98 exceeding the goal.

Presently, UUCN is in the midst of our Spring Auction. Our goal for this event is to raise \$5,000.00 to be put toward the purchase of the equipment necessary to arrange a multi-platform to use teleconferencing capabilities as well as in-person worship. The Stewardship Team surpassed that goal at \$5,021.00.

On several occasions, the Team met with Mark Ewert to discuss strategies for giving and planning for the various fundraising activities as well as the pledge drive.

The team looks forward to the time that we can all resume our normal schedule.