

Church Board meeting minutes Sunday, July 18,

Attendants: Amara Oden (Sabbatical Pastor), Pat Severson (treasurer), Cora Trujillo (moderator), Dave Kidder (Trustees), Louise Morehead, Sam Rennebohm

We opened with singing "Happy Birthday" to Dave and with prayer.

Treasurer's report:

Overall, income was greater than expenses even without taking the Osgood and Parker Cook contributions.

Last year's Osgood contribution is still at United Church Funds so it can participate in the stock market's exuberance. I'll transfer it when we're ready to start paying for the elevator work.

Income: Building use donations were triple what we estimated for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and pledges were over budget also (thank you!). We had a little unplanned income, which helped offset the reduced loose offering. Expenses: Staff and related expenses were slightly over budget due to paying Kia for working beyond what was budgeted). Building expenses were under budget, worship and music expenses were a little over half of budget, social and environmental justice spent (i.e., donated) most of their budget, and other committee expenses were well under budget.

Pastor and staff evaluations; 17 people filled out evaluations for Meighan and Karen. They were overwhelmingly positive. Trustees are working with Karen to fulfill her wish to continue to work from home two days per week. The CB will discuss next steps with Meighan when she returns re: her goals for the coming year. Kia plans to fill out her self evaluation soon.

Response to Operation Night watch shelter suggestion: Operation Night Watch is a non-profit org serving the homeless population. Mary Liz Chafee made a suggestion that we consider using our church social hall for an overnight shelter for 10 men in a program run by them. Cora contacted Rick Reynolds, director, to get details about the program. An email conversation ensued. Due to it being a 7 day per week program, and a long commitment desired, there would be security issues and conflicts with building tenants. The consensus of CB and Trustees is this would be too big of a commitment and we are not the best church for this program.

Trustees report: Dave (See written July Trustees report)

Elevator update: Due to the estimate of @ \$65,000 for a full elevator overhaul, the Trustees are pursuing another estimate for a possible less costly upgrade. Hope to have that bid by next month. Amara offered her experience with looking for grants. Cora will call the Cornerstone Fund to see if they have any advice or can help with funding.

Pride flag destruction response: Our pride flag was torn down last year and the new one was torn down a few weeks ago. Neighbors were contacted. Suzanne Fry and Karen will file a police report online. Trustees will look into getting a new flag and have it on an attached pole above the awning to prevent further vandalism.

Pastor check-in: Amara

Overall things are going well. Amara is grateful to Jerry and Kia for all the help with worship planning. It is taking longer than anticipated to plan services. She would like to have time to do some pastoral visits too. Having trouble lining up liturgists. Louise Morehead offered to take on the responsibility of recruiting liturgists. Amara has submitted her ordination paper to the Committee on

Ministry. Once that is accepted, she can start the process of seeking a call as a parish minister. Outdoor worship at Kia's next Sunday. Hoping to plan two more on the church grounds before October. Discussed logistics of preparing the space for worship. Cora and Dave can help.

Meeting debriefing and closed with prayer.

Cora Trujillo, Moderator