

Prospect Church Board Minutes November 21, 2021

In attendance: Meighan, Cora, Patsy, Dave K, Louise, Sam R and John Daugherty (as guest.)

Treasurer's report: We are one third of the way through the fiscal year. Monthly and year-to-date income are slightly more than expenses.

We received a **\$10,000 unrestricted gift** from Sarah Ovens, (a friend of Judy Hooper). Cora proposed and the CB agreed that we use it to increase Meighan's position from 1/2 time to 3/4 time over a 6 month period starting in January. We unanimously agreed but will take it to the congregation for a vote before January. The proposal was based on Meighan's evaluation and goals which would be difficult to achieve without significantly more time in her position. Those goals are: Quality hybrid worship, working with the Social and Environmental Justice team to lead us in new missions and to work with Trustees on planning for new uses for the building in line with our church purpose. She would also need more time to work on outreach. Cora will work with Meighan to announce and plan the congregational meeting to vote on the proposal.

Hybrid worship: We have had 3 hybrid services so far and we discussed how it is going. There is some concern about not having enough volunteers especially with the technical aspects of worship and preventing burnout with those who are volunteering. One suggestion was to have a once per month ZOOM only worship. The Worship and Music Team will discuss this further.

Ministry to children: Last week we had as visitors 2 families with toddlers who did not stay for the whole service. What can we offer children? Sam offered to talk to Addie Harrington (another church member with young children) to coordinate hiring a child care provider during worship. Cora is interested in restarting Godly Play Sunday School lessons once per month but not until it is safe to meet without masks.

SEJT report: (Social and Environmental Justice). Recently the energy has been in the book group that just finished reading; "All We Can Save" consisting of essays about climate change. The group has come up with some action items which they will pursue.

Music Survey: Due Nov 28. Cora will contact Karen this week to see who has not completed the survey yet and will extend "personal invitations" to ensure maximum input.

Pastor Check-in: Meighan shared she had a very full week with her cat of 18 years passing away and her housemate's retirement party. The service today went well as some of the kinks of hybrid worship are being worked out.

Submitted by Cora Trujillo, moderator