

Church Board Meeting Minutes
2/20/2022

In Attendance: Meighan, Cora, Dave K, Louise, Patsy, Sam

Treasurer's report: Patsy

We are about 58.3% of the way through the year.

Pledges and year-to-date income are about at budget. Year-to-date expenses are a little below budget. Expenses for the month are just over \$4,000 more than the month's expenses, but year-to-date income is about \$11,500 more than year-to-date expenses. The budget amounts have been adjusted for Meighan going to 3/4 time for the first 6 months of 2022. We are paying Kia a little extra because she is working instead of getting time off in the first quarter of the year.

Stewardship campaign: Cora reported that The Gratitude and Generosity team met and planned the following calendar: Our theme is; "There is Always Something to be Thankful For". Rick Russell will draft a Stewardship letter. Mailing and emails will go out April 10. May 1 is "Stewardship Sunday" (deadline). May 15 CB will meet and plan our budget. June 12 is Annual Meeting.

Document retention policy: Karen, our office manager, Patsy and Cora met recently to do a "church records audit". Many old files were purged. We are working on a "Document Retention Policy" for our church based on information from church and non-profits.

Pastor report:

Hybrid Worship: Meighan is in communication with the Worship and Music team monitoring COVID hospitalization rates in King County. Ash Wednesday will be on ZOOM. Tentatively aiming to return to in person (hybrid) worship no sooner than mid-March.

Kia will take a break and Valerie Shields will fill in as music director once we are back to in person worship.

Need for tech help: We discussed options for hiring someone that Dave Kidder can train to run the sound board during worship.

New Ministries for Prospect: Prospect is partnering with University Congregational Church to welcome an **Afghan refugee family**. We are working with the Refugee Resettlement Office of the Episcopal Church in Olympia. Several Prospect members have signed up. We have not been assigned a family yet.

Meighan has been attending meetings of "**Green Buildings Now**", based at Bethany UCC working to create a resiliency hub, decarbonize their building and create a community garden. Prospect has donated money through the Social and Environmental Justice Team. She is looking for ways for Prospect to be involved.

Building use: We discussed our vision of the Prospect building becoming a bustling center for community service and hosting music events. We do not have the volunteer support to do all the work required. We discussed options of hiring a handyman, sexton or property manager.

Bob Bakke legacy: We are aware that Bob Bakke left in his will a portion of the sale of his house to Prospect Church. It is not known when the house will be sold and how much and when it will be coming. We agreed in principle to honor Bob's love of the building and we hope to use the money to support building use. The congregation will be involved in the decisions on how to spend it.

Bob Bakke memorial service; Is tentatively planned for March 13 in person. His niece, Emily Barclay from Wisconsin will be in Seattle that week.

Meighan will have been at Prospect 10 years next month. We discussed ways to acknowledge that and to show appreciation for some members who will be moving away. Further discussion to follow.

St Pauls UCC , a small UCC church in Ballard has approached Meighan about partnering with us in some way. We agreed we would not consider a merger or sharing a pastor at this time but would be open to partnering on new ministries and social events.

Submitted by Cora Trujillo, Moderator