

Church Board Minutes—August 16, 2022

Present: Meighan, Cora, Jan and Patsy

Meighan opened with a check-in and prayer

Treasurer's Report: The final expenses for the fiscal year that just ended have been paid and recorded. We ended the year with income more than \$14,000 over budget and expenses about \$9,000 under budget. We can carry forward enough to cover this fiscal year's deficit. The board approved carrying forward \$20,000 to this year's budget which will cover our budget deficit.

July income was over \$3,000 more than expenses, mostly because of pre-paid pledges (thank you!).

We have now withdrawn \$88,000 from the Osgood fund to cover the approximately \$100,000 for the painting and building roof. We are temporarily covering the other \$12,000 using special funds that sit in the checking account but are not likely to be used in the next year, such as the 5-year elevator test fund. (The plan is to pay back the endowment \$88,000 when the money comes in from Bob Bakke's estate.

Part of Meighan's plan for her sabbatical last year was a retreat to Iona which was cancelled due to COVID so she is going later this month. After airfare and expenses for her retreat to Iona, there is \$574 left in the Sabbatical Fund. Since she is extending her time there to vacation in Scotland, we agreed that too is part of her sabbatical and that money could be used to cover other expenses of her trip and we would deplete and close the Sabbatical Fund.

With our financial secretary only getting to the church once per month, there has been a problem with the offering not always getting into the secure office after worship. Patsy will do this when she attends worship. Cora agreed to be backup. Jan will ask Roland to also be backup.

Endowments, Investment, Spending and Gifts Policy: The CB made some edits by email and it was sent to Trustee members to get their input. Cora will attend the next Trustees meeting to submit the policy for their approval.

Status of Bakke Estate: John Daugherty told Patsy one home sale fell through and a back-up buyer is under contract. Patsy will follow up with the lawyer handling the estate to get some idea when the church will receive money from the sale and how much is expected.

Vitality Team: The members of the Vitality Team are: Cora Trujillo, Dave Kidder, Patsy Severson, Louise Morehead, Roland Holloway, Jan Kinney and Jerry Sams. Cora will convene a meeting early September. Meighan will be on vacation for that meeting but will lead the next one. The Vitality survey is available online and there are paper copies in the narthex.

Pastor Check-in:

We agreed that re-writing Meighan's call agreement to reflect her 3/4 time position can wait until the Vitality Survey is complete as we may get information as to where the congregation

needs her to focus her time and energy. She is enjoying the extra time to do community focused activity such as working with Green Buildings Now, conference level Environmental Justice Group and on the national UCC level with the Council of Climate Justice.

The Worship and Music Team is purchasing “WorshipCast” for \$300 per year which will allow them to use music not in the public domain. This will allow more flexibility with music programming. The Fall theme in worship will be The Lord’s Prayer. When Meighan gets back from Scotland she plans to preach on Celtic spirituality.

Meighan and Dave Kidder are interviewing a candidate to help with technology during worship.

She is leaving August 22 for 3 weeks on a combined vacation and spiritual retreat to Scotland.

Submitted by Cora Trujillo, Moderator