

Church Board Minutes, September 18, 2022

Present: Meighan Pritchard (Pastor), Jan Kinney, Patsy Severson, treasurer,, Cora Trujillo Moderator.

Meighan opened with prayer and shared some of the highlights of her vacation/ (completion of her sabbatical) trip to Scotland. It was great to step away and have a true retreat after years of not being able to travel due to COVID. She will submit receipts to the treasurer, but she has now depleted the "Sabbatical Fund." She brought back a batik wall hanging of a Celtic cross as a gift to the congregation and preached on Celtic Christianity today.

Worship:

Covid protocols during worship: Some members are doubting the need to continue with masks in worship, but the members of the Worship and Music Team are adamant we need to continue with mask wearing in worship for the safety of the congregation.

Melissa McQueen is being trained by Dave Kidder to handle hybrid technology during worship. Patsy will be finalizing the wording on a document outlining her duties and pay.

Treasurer's report: Income for August was over \$9,600 less than expenses. Monthly expenses were a little under budget and monthly income was more under budget. Year-to-date income was a little over \$5,800 less than year-to-date expenses if the \$20,000 carry-forward isn't included. YTD income is a little under \$2,500 less than YTD expenses if 1/6 of the carry-forward is included in YTD income. We currently do not have a cash flow problem.

We have received \$250,000 from the sale of Bob Bakke's house. There may be additional money when his estate is fully settled. The \$88,000 that was "borrowed" from the Osgood Endowment fund has been returned. The approximately \$150,000 left over after paying for the roof and painting will be put in a new fund called "Bakke Legacy Fund", which will be dollar cost averaged into the UCF "Beyond Fossil Fuel Balanced Fund."

We need to update who will be signers on Prospect checks. Suzanne Fry and Pat Severson are current signers. Cora Trujillo agreed to be a third one as back-up.

Vitality Process: The next meeting of the Vitality Team will be Sunday Oct 2 at noon. Meighan will chair it. She has emailed Courtney Stange-Tragear, the conference Minister for Church Vitality, who is recently back from a sabbatical, to see if she can help us or at least make suggestions for a consultant. She is currently acting conference minister since Michael Denton left so may be too busy to help us directly. Cora will send out a WORD document to the Vitality Team summarizing all the comments and suggestions that came in from the Vitality Surveys at least one week before Oct 2. We should be able to glean some "low hanging fruit" from the suggestions ASAP and begin with some action items in October.

Trustee's Report: We reviewed the written report from their 9/14/22 meeting. We like the idea of an 85" monitor mounted on the NW wall instead of the current temporary setup that displays ZOOM attendees. Cora will get back to Dave and Suzanne with some questions about the fellowship hall storage locker. What is the overall goal? Cora had planned to attend Trustees meetings but missed the last 2. Meighan and Cora will plan to alternate attending their meetings to enhance communication between the CB and Trustees to ensure a united vision for the church and the building.

(Added Sept 20: Cora researched the possibility of electronic signage for Prospect but found out it would not be allowed per City of Seattle codes for signage in residential neighborhoods).

Cora Trujillo
Moderator