

Church Board Minutes, December 19, 2022

In attendance: Meighan, Cora, Patsy, Jan and Judy Hooper as guest.

Coffee hour: Judy, as our coffee hour coordinator expressed concern these have been poorly attended the past few months. Often, even if there is a good turnout in worship, many do not stay or grab something to eat and hurry off to a meeting. How do we encourage opportunities for fellowship? Many are unwilling to socialize unmasked. There is also a problem with the heat not working in the fellowship hall which is being investigated by Jerry Sams. We decided to suspend coffee hour for the month of January and Judy will solicit feedback from members. We will try having a time at the end of worship for fellowship in the pews with masks on for now.

Treasurer's report: November income is a little over \$4,000 more than November expenses. Year-to-date income with the full carry forward amount is about \$9,500 more than YTD expenses. YTD income with a proportional carry forward amount is a little over \$2,000 under YTD expenses.

Pledges and facility use donations are at budget, and loose offering is a little under budget. Expenses are generally at or under budget. We have not yet taken the Osgood or Parker Cook contributions.

We discussed the need for a financial secretary as Consi has been doing it for years and due to living in Everett, does not come to Seattle often enough to make deposits. Cora will draft an email to send to a few members who may be a good fit for this role.

Patsy will ask Jim Miller if he is willing to do an audit of Prospect finances.

Trustees Update: Cora attended the last Trustees meeting. Due to Roy now living out of town, he is not as available as he has been and we are in need of a handyman. We are researching what other area churches do for a handyman and may consider hiring one. We have smoke alarms but they need to be installed. A lock has been put on the outdoor electrical outlet cover. They are considering installing a motion detection light on the front porch to discourage camping.

Porch camper: Cora contacted the police and put in a "request to watch". They can occasionally stop by the church at night and shoo away a camper. In communicating with neighbors who complained, Meighan will let them know they can also call the police when they see people sleeping on our porch.

Vitality work: Meighan met with the principal at Stevens Elementary to see if they had any needs that our church could fulfill. She will continue her "office hour" at Macrina Bakery (weather allowing), as it is going well. We decided it was too soon to have a congregational meeting to discuss how to spend the Bakke donation.

Pastor check-in: Green Buildings Now has received a grant of \$450,000 from the city to become a resiliency hub. SEJT has not met lately but will continue the book club. The next book has yet to be chosen. We will "strongly encourage" mask wear during worship due to the tripledemic of COVID, RSV and flu.

Submitted by Cora Trujillo
Moderator