

CHURCH BOARD MINUTES

January 15, 2023

In attendance: Meghan Pritchard, pastor, Cora Trujillo, Jan Kinney and Patsy Severson

Treasurer's report: Year-to-date income, pledges, and facility use donations are slightly over budget. Most expenses are at or under budget, and year-to-date expenses are under budget.

United Church Funds spent December rolling out a new online portal, and the conversion was a little rocky. We are continuing to move Osgood and Bakke Legacy money into the beyond fossil fuels balanced fund, but reporting quarterly income posting are delayed.

There hasn't been any progress in finding another or additional financial secretary. We will continue to advertise. Consi is willing to continue for now and come to the church when she can. Patsy lives near our bank and can make deposits when needed.

After worship fellowship opportunities:

Our traditional "coffee hour" is suspended for now. Church attendees can visit in the pews, masked, at the end of the service. We will plan quarterly potlucks. Judy Hooper will organize them. Potluck scheduled for Feb 12. (It may be combined with a visit from member and mission co-worker Leda Zakarison, who is coming back from serving in Lebanon, but Meighan has not heard back from her yet.)

COVID policy: We decided to use the words "mask strongly encouraged" for people inside the Prospect building.

Trustees / building update: Meighan attended the Trustees meeting Jan 11. There has been no recent complaints from the neighbors regarding someone sleeping on our porch, although garbage is found there. A motion detector light with camera is being ordered to install at the entrances. Our roof is leaking and Jerry Sams is in communication with the company that just installed our new roof asking them to remedy the problem. Karen, our office manager, is retiring in July and they are discussing having the new hire take on more building management role. Another option is hiring a property management company. Patsy will research the company that manages her condominium. The Trustees discussed updating the electrical system in the fellowship hall and remodeling the table barn to provide more practical storage. To date they have not obtained bids for these proposed projects.

Vitality work: Meighan will work with the Worship and Music team to provide monthly intergenerational worship experiences in response to a request from a new family. Kia may teach children's songs. Cora offered to present an occasional Godly Play story in worship. Meighan will contact Stevens Elementary to get more specific information on what they will need with their clothing drive and tutoring opportunities. Stacy Chilberg has offered to help with the clothing drive. There is some frustration with the SEJT book group that there has not been enough action related to their readings of books on the environment and racism. We discussed moving the Sunday SEJT meetings to combine them with the Monday afternoon book discussions. Our next Vitality Team meeting is Sunday, Feb 5 after worship.

Pastor check-in: Work is expected to be completed on her house by next week and she will plan to take a week off to move in. Problems with the sound system the last 2 Sundays with the folks on ZOOM not being able to hear or us not hearing them. Meighan will work with Dave, Melissa and Jerry. ZOOM also offers tech support.

Submitted by Cora Trujillo, Moderator