

Prospect Church Board  
Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2023

Meighan, Suzanne Fry, Patsy, Ralph, Amy

- I. Meighan opened with a centering moment, check-in
- II. Concern: 3 church member volunteers showed up for the clean-up day, in addition to the trustees and Meighan
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - See attached financial report
- IV. **Trustee's Report**

Roof:

  - More water damage has been discovered in the balcony
  - The company that repaired the roof (local office of Reliable Roofing, which is now out of business), CA branch of the company is responding to the concerns about the poor roof repair job
  - We have a conflict resolution company and an attorney supporting the process of getting the roof and the interior damage fixed

Continued Work of Trustees:

  - Do we have enough members to support the continued work of the Trustee's? Who is in our community that can step into these roles?
  - Do we have our yard service clean up the leaves each fall if we don't have enough member volunteers?
  - Do we have sign-ups so we know who is participating?
- V. **Organ**
  - The person who repairs the organ is retiring; he has been performing monthly service on the organ
  - Is there someone else who can take on this work?
  - What do people think about the continued use of the organ? (the piano is the primary instrument used in musical services)
  - One of the remaining pipe organs in the PNW that remains in its original home
  - According to the person who has been maintaining the organ, it needs about \$100,000 worth of work
  - Ralph volunteers to take on the organ issue- meet with the organ repair person, include Tom Bell, get a better understanding of what concerns exists
  - The idea of having organ concerts- what happened to that idea, can we revive this?
- VI. **Church Visioning**
  - How does our organ, our events/fundraisers engage the community?
  - What does a thriving, healthy Prospect Church look like?
    - 5 small children engaged with a puppet show
    - New members

- Family friendly Sundays
- Community engagement, focus on social and environmental justice issues
- Presence in community at neighborhood night out, clean ups
- People talking after church or during greeting time
- People calling each other or getting together not on Sunday
- Well-attended Sunday worship
- People making music together- singing together
- Church community known in the community for \_\_\_\_\_
- People visiting church and then staying
- People volunteering to do work to sustain church
- Enough people to do everything volunteers do at church
- Opportunities for spiritual growth and seeking
- Church collaborates with other in community to accomplish goals (likely social justice)
- Church services are varied, interactive, multigenerational, fun, soul-filling
- People feel empowered to work on justice issues in the broader community, both as church and as individuals
- People can articulate their faith and define their growing edges. They have resources (book groups, workshops, classes, study groups) to learn more about the Bible and Christianity past and present.
- Prospect is a vibrant member of the broader community
  - a) Neighbors know who we are and come to events here, e.g., candidate forums, films, speakers
  - b) We are visible at rallies, tree plantings, community cleanup days, block parties
- We have enough people to populate teams and board w/o getting trapped there
- Community engagement
- Consistent attendance at services (not only Christmas and Easter)
- Lively building use (not empty most of the week)
- Food-potlucks
- challenge/non-closure/reflection from sermons
- Next step- set 4 SMART goals at December CB meeting
- January 7, 2023: Congregational conversation and comestibles
  - Conversational topics provided at the tables