

Church Board Minutes
April 21, 2024

Ralph, Suzanne, Amy, Patsy, Meighan

Check in

Organ update: Ralph has connected with someone in Stanwood that could possibly make the organ repairs. Waiting for them to finish the job they're on currently.

Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting- on April 26, 27, 28 at Plymouth. Meighan will be there Friday, Saturday, maybe Sunday. Cora is attending as a delegate from Prospect.

- The conference has been reckoning with race; most congregations are majorly white. Meighan believes there will be more conversations related to race, are we walking the talk related to race in our denomination?
- Meighan is hoping to hear from congregations across the conference about what they are doing related to environmental justice.

Treasurer's report- 75% through the fiscal year. Expenses are generally as expected. Income is currently skewed because of \$30,000 withdrawn from Bakke funds to pay for roof repairs. Pledges are slightly under budget. Loose offerings have caught up/less behind budget. Facility use donations have also caught up/less behind budget; thank you to Trustees and Chase for their efforts. There will be another \$15,000 for the roof repair paid soon.

- Recommending that we withdraw an additional \$20,000 from Bakke funds to cover the rest of the roof expenses and some of the general income deficit. (Discussion: Should we withdraw \$ from Osgood funds which is designated for taking care of the building? Recommending Bakke funds because if we take money from Osgood now, it will reduce the future 5% that is withdrawn each year.)
- Proposal to withdraw \$20,000 from Bakke funds to cover roof and general income deficit was approved by all board members present.

Trustees' report- Good news- No more leaks are coming in to the building and there's probably no mold in the walls (because there is no insulation)!

The only work left on the roof is to add the coping to the parapet walls. Waiting for the correct color to arrive and once installed, the work on the roof repairs is done.

Have had one company come to review the scope of work of repairing the interior damage. Have one bid in and are waiting to get a 2nd bid.

Congregational meeting to decide how much of the ceiling we want to pay to repair.

~~There are~~Some of the cracks in the coffers ~~that~~ are probably from age of the building, not the water damage. To repair coffers and the walls will be about \$88,000 (based on the 1st bid) and is estimated to take about 10 weeks.

Trustees met with the lawyer on Thursday 4/18; once there is a total \$ for the repairs, she will send a letter to Reliable in CA (parent company of the original Reliable Roofing

WA that no longer exists), asking for them to cover the costs. If Reliable says, no, the next step is to decide if we would go to mediation (the step before court). Lawyer is also reviewing our insurance contract as the insurance said they would not cover the cost of the damage.

Exterior outlets have been covered; appears our unhoused visitors have not been staying on the porch or the elevator landing in recent weeks.

Thriving Prospect

- Lenten speaker series was attended by Meighan [and only two others](#)
- There's been a proposal to lead a class on how to write a "This I Believe" statement
- Potlucks are going well. Should we try a google doc in the weekly emails for people to sign up to bring items?

Suzanne will check with trustees on when to have a Congregational meeting about how much to repair on the interior of the sanctuary

Annual meeting and potluck on June 9.

Pastor's check-in-

-about 8 people from Prospect attending camp at Seabeck
-May 30-June 4 and the 1st 2 weeks of July, Meighan will be out of town
-looking at 2 weeks in October in Spain, partially for a clergy workshop on the 3 days between Good Friday and Easter.
-Tri-R Church initiative, met on 4/12. St Luke's [Edible Hope meals for the hungry](#) is moving to St. Paul's. St Paul's is doing a major kitchen renovation to accommodate ~~this~~ [St. Luke's Edible Food](#) program. Having a trivia night fundraiser on May 31, and a sermon series on ["Church Curious."](#)

Green Buildings Now- Meighan is on their leadership team. Supporting Bethany UCC in creating [a resilience hubs](#), ~~buildings~~ where people can go in severe weather.

Farm day- planted 45 of 90 starts. Looking for another date in May or June where people can come and enjoy the farm.

Meighan showed our 1/4 time family pastor position to the [interim-acting](#) conference minister- he had a number of questions related to the position. With very few children attending regularly and our tight budget, it doesn't seem this is the right time to pursue this type of position at Prospect.

Where would we meet [for the 10 or so Sundays](#) when the sanctuary is being repaired?

- zoom more than once a month?
- [one service at](#) Kia and Jerry's?
- fellowship hall and/or parlor?

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-courtyard?

-combine with [TIRI-Church members?](#)

Closed with a prayer

Minutes by Amy Miller