

Church Board Minutes: January 17, 2021

Treasurer's report: Patsy/ Should we apply for another PPP loan? 10 min

We are halfway through the year. Both income and expenses are just over 47% of budget. Because we recognized the remaining PPP loan, income was much greater than expenses in December, and year-to-date income is slightly more than year-to-date expenses. We see from the balance sheet that we have sufficient cash on hand.

We haven't drawn from Osgood this year because we haven't needed it. Patsy believes we may not even need the second PPP loan.

Expenses are a bit over budget (51% at mid-year) in maintenance. Patsy recommends looking at the balance sheet both at mid-year (where we are now) and at the end of the year (June).

Time off for Kia and Jerry and Brian

There was discussion about the huge amount of work Kia, Jerry, and Brian do to create the weekly services and music. How can we make sure they can take time off (which would mean hiring someone else, or using materials provided by the conference or existing recordings of the choir)? After discussion, we realized we aren't quite ready to make a decision about this issue. It was decided Meighan would talk to them and the W and M team would come up with a plan with the CB's support.

Sabbatical Plan update: 5 min

Amara Odem will preach 10 sermons, but also wants to participate more in the church, including pastoral care and vision/goal setting (her particular skill). It's likely the fundraiser auction can raise the \$4000 needed for these services.

Meighan is thinking about reunion activities, including a potluck, and having the congregation share how they have lived with the theme of the sabbatical (finding God in nature). There may be a sermon series on that theme.

There was some concern about having a temporary pastor working on goal-setting--it was felt that we need someone for that work who knows the congregation better, and goal setting while the pastor is away is not ideal.

Auction update: 5 min

Auction goal is about \$6000-8000. Dave Mampel will provide a clown/magician show, and Brian Russell will be auctioneer. We have around 20 items so far, and Jan is working on a slideshow of donations to date. How do we promote it to people both inside and outside Prospect? Social media: our FB page, and something we can post to our own. We'll be posting a

teaser slideshow weekly on the Tuesday email. Theme will be Hats Off (updated to Hats Off to Prospect!)

Trustees: 15 min

1. Trustees recommend changing phone system from current Comcast service to Ooma Voice over Internet option. Change will cost about \$275 up front, and reduce monthly billing by about \$80. **Approved.**
2. Preschool is now totally out of building. Painting of third floor offices is nearly complete. Next steps include new LED light fixtures in the ceiling and new carpeting. Old preschool cabinets and bookcases have been removed from third floor by trustees.
3. We appear to have a new sleeper on our front porch. John noticed him when he (John) went over to help Roy remove a bookcase. Cora tried to contact several homeless services in Seattle and King County for help, but hasn't gotten a call back due to very high volume. John will talk with the new sleeper at some point soon.
4. New furnace filters seem to be working fine at the 3-month point. We will continue to monitor and may be able to stretch our current quarterly replacement schedule.
5. Church insurance premium for this year is still a bit up in the air. Stay tuned.

Pastor's report: 20 min

- What kind of equipment will we need when we move back to the building? Jerry says we'll need a computer and a better camera. Copyright issues are a problem as well, with anything we broadcast or post.
- One idea is to showcase Dana Durasoff's art.

Church covenant vote

No major objections to the semi-final version. We are a "welcoming" community, race, and economics are added. Time for an up or down vote with no more discussion. Congregational meeting after church. Put the final version in the Tuesday email. Meighan will write the notice and give it to Karen.

Gratitude and Generosity (G and G) Team:

Jan Wood's presentation will be February 21, to give people some much-needed continuity and solidity. We will do a sermon series on people in the Bible who were called by God, and how they responded. There may be Lenten packets, as well, similar to Advent kits.

SEJT:/Racism book group

Has not met since the last time CB met. Book group is now reading *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontent*.

Pastor support/check-in

- Hand is still healing from the dog bite.
- House now has a loft!

- Meighan's COVID-related extra work has eased off, now that our online worship is becoming more routine. She is calling people we rarely see, to check in on them.

Submitted by Jan Kinney, Co-Moderator