

## **Church Board Minutes 8/16/2022**

**Present:** Meighan Pritchard, Jan Kinney, Cora Trujillo, Pat Severson, John Daugherty, Consi Javier, Louise Morehead

We opened with check-in and **prayer**.

**Preschool Closing Update:** Meighan and John Daugherty have recently talked to Donna Guna, the director, regarding what is involved with their closing and moving things out of the building. John asked her to leave the office furniture as that could be used by future tenants. We also got an update on what most of the staff will be doing next. The staff received severance packages related to how long they had worked there. We agreed John would be the point person from now on to communicate with Donna and coordinate details.

**Church Budget Update:** Patsy shared that the \$2,000 church donation budgeted for the pre-school was sent to help with staff severance. We are doing well with cash flow with more than \$30,000 in our checking account, possibly since many pre-pay their pledge for the year. There has been an increase in building insurance costs. John agreed to research options for decreasing the cost and get back to the CB within 2 months.

### **Church Goals 2020/2021:**

- Hold a church fundraising event: No update: Jan will follow up with Kia.
- Establish Church re-opening process: Jan will work with Terri Dowling and the Trustees.
- Address Racism: Weekly ZOOM "White Fragility" book discussion continues. SEJT (The Social and Environmental Justice Team) will come up with some specific suggestions for the CB. What is being considered is partnering with another church to support low-income housing.
- Plan for Sabbatical: Will start after October once we receive word on whether or not we get the Lilly Grant we applied for.

### **Trustees/Building Access:** John Daugherty

We gave approval to rent our sanctuary and social hall to an Eritrean Orthodox congregation starting next week for 3 months. They would be expected to comply with current state and church COVID-19 guidelines.

Trustees are looking into ventilation issues in the church in light of COVID. For now with nice weather, windows and doors would remain open during use by any groups.

Trustees are in the process of ordering an awning replacement (about \$2,400) with funds donated for that purpose.

### **Member in Discernment/Pastoral Intern:** Meighan Pritchard

Do we want to have a pastoral intern? We agreed in principle but would need more information.

### **Revising our Working Covenant:**

Last revision was in 2005. Race is not mentioned. It will be presented soon in a worship service and a separate team will be created to make recommended revisions to be approved by the church board and congregation. Goal is completion by October 30.

We closed in prayer.

Submitted by Cora Trujillo, Co-moderator.