

CB Meeting 9/20/2020

Present: Meighan, Cora, Jan, John D., Patsy, Consi.

Check-in and prayers.

Trustees Report: John

- John met with Donna Guna. The Preschool's move out is progressing.
- Trustees bought a couple of air purifiers and put them in Fellowship Hall, but they are portable. Jerry is going to purchase 3 more within about 2 weeks.
- Change in filtration system has run into a snag with out-of-stock problems.
- Eritrean church had only 6 attendees last week, but they continue to use the space.
- Reopening: nothing new to report except the above-mentioned improvements in managing air quality.
- Next meeting will discuss insurance.

Cora: Maryanne H. is very enthusiastic about a celebration of the Preschool in about a year, when it will be safe to meet...she proposed a pesto dinner in honor of all the pesto dinners of the past. Church board approved the idea and the possibility of planning it.

Treasurer's Report: Patsy

Budget is mostly on track, although Loose Offerings are way down. We had a facility use refund. Expenses are also mostly as anticipated.

Patsy is confident that our PPP loan will qualify for forgiveness.

Church Goals

Kia believes an online concert will not attract an audience, and there are no plans for a live concert for the foreseeable future. She may create a compilation CD as a giveaway for a donation.

Do we need to do a fundraiser this year? The budget does include a fundraiser, although there is a small surplus (about \$1700).

We can also brainstorm other ideas at a later date. Brilliant ideas are welcome. Put it out to the congregation.

Addressing Racism

Last meeting on White Fragility on 9/22. It will address "What's next?"

SEJT is working on contributing in some way to the Africatown project—low-income apartments for people being priced out of the CD, focused on Black people. There are other aspects to the project as well. How can we participate? How can we help?

Pastor's Report

Another goal: Moving forward on the Sabbatical. We haven't yet heard if the grant has been approved.

Steve Alford asked who owns the Preschool bus? Would the church want it? Maybe to take a group to Pilgrim Firs? Any other uses for it? General feeling is No. We could use its space for a disability parking area. We need that more than we need a community garden.

SEJT met and talked about Africatown (details above) and participating in Prof. David Domke's Common Power project, encouraging people to vote by texting and writing letters.

Also watched a couple of movies about social justice.

Also discussed participating in the Poor People's Campaign.

Be: Seattle, one of our tenants that focuses on tenants' rights, is doing a fundraiser, and SEJT is looking for a way to offer some of their discretionary funds—maybe covering a month's rent in the Prospect building.

We will also be a pickup point for contributed hygiene kits for unsheltered persons, organized by Be: Seattle.

Who is the contact person for SEJT? Currently, it's pretty much Meighan—since Nathan and Caitlin have moved to Bainbridge Island. It would be helpful to have a designated contact person—that will be part of the next SEJT meeting agenda.

Updating the Working Covenant

Meighan will wait to see if anyone expresses interest in this project. Any new version will be voted on by the church.

Outreach to Children

Some churches are doing a drive-by drop-off of small trinkety gifts.

Cora tried doing an online Godly Play, but there was no interest in it. GP depends on personal interaction, and also kids are just Zoomed out.

We could send kids church-related coloring pages.

We could also just ask them if they need anything, and if so, what. We don't want to contribute to further overload for home-schooling families. How can we support them?

Other

Cora asked Muriel and Dalton if they would like CDs of church services, and they said yes. Jerry will be creating and sending those.

Cora has sent the link to Pauline's daughter, and Lisa said they may use it.

Pastor and Staff Evaluation

Many churches do this regularly. We haven't done it in quite a long time. In the past, we have asked the congregation to evaluate pastor, church board, and congregation, but not the staff members. Cora will gather all the job descriptions and create a questionnaire to present to the CB for critique.

How Are We Doing as a Church?

We've lost people to tech issues, but also added people in diverse geographic areas. We're participating in church life (committees, services like Pauline transport, anti-racism, etc.) How do we stay in touch with people we're missing?

Small groups are a mixed success—some are working well together, others are not.

How about Zoom Tables of Eight (or Six)? Meighan will offer a couple of dates that people can sign up for by contacting Karen. Karen will choose a Host. Or just open an evening for “Bring your dinner and come on over.” Mondays at 5:30, starting 9/28.