TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Governing Board Meeting

April 19, 2022

**In Attendance:** Chair Jeremy Grossman, Frank Cederquist, Kathy Manwaring, Lisa Nielsen, Pastor Suzanne Clemenz, Susie Riley, Steve Ash, Claudia Alenduff, Betty Jackson, Emily Spilker, Kay Franscoviak, and Pastor Tracey Leslie.

Opening prayer from Pastor Tracey.

**Meeting Minutes from March approved: Claudia motioned → Kathy M. seconded → board approved.**

Pastoral Updates (Pastor Tracey):

* There were 22 attendees for the Good Friday events and 12 attendees for the Sunrise service on Easter morning and about 75 attendees for 10:30 service.
* The Young Adults will meet in June with the consultant to discuss visioning.
* The early April concert and art auction went very well. There were ~$800-850 raised for Family Promise. There were a few folks from the community who also showed up for Fusion. Like services, Fusion is also struggling to get attendance.
* For the Annual Conference, Tracey would like to make use of the church bus, driven by Ryan Wyncoop, to take Ryan (equalization member), Kay and Lisa (delegates), Pastor Suzanne, and Brooks as the district young adult representative.
* **Tracey proposed to let the lay attendees make a contribution to help support the costs with the church to provide up to $140 for all of their registration ($35/person) and $200 ($25/person per night) for all of the four delegates lodging from the Program Endowment (next year we’ll put a line for this moving forward). We want anyone who wants to serve to be able to go regardless of expenses. Each delegate will purchase their own meals during the conference. Steve motioned → Kathy M. seconded → board approved**

Caring Ministry Updates (Pastor Suzanne):

* The Friendly Visitors do such a wonderful job. Over the past few weeks they, Pastor Suzanne and Pastor Tracey went to serve communion to all of the homebound members. Special thanks to Pastor Suzanne for arranging that!
* This year we want to host the Senior Luncheon, and the tentative date is June 4 per the planning of Pastor Suzanne.
* Marcia would love to help with that event. :)
* For the Caring Ministry, Pastor Suzanne has helped interact with several folks from the community and some Trinity members in need. There are opportunities to extend more into the community and Pastor Suzanne is going to rebuild a visioning team for the Caring Ministry to help implement ideas. She looks forward to sharing updates over the coming months.
* The Caring Fund has had significant contributions over the past month which are helping build up that fund.

* (From Pastor Monica) Tomorrow the young adults will meet for a board game night and packing snack bags for Brianna’s hope.
* The Young Adults will meet in June for visioning with Emily Krach, a consultant with UMC.
* (On behalf of Pastor Mack) Tracey will be working with Pastor Mack and Pastor Glenn at Wesley to devise ways for youth who age out of youth groups to transition to young adult groups and overall build more bridges between the Wesley Foundation and other UM churches in town.
* (Pastor Suzanne) Pastor Suzanne will be hosting a learning session for an hour after church this Sunday on Gender and Gender Identity. She is excited to share her knowledge with Trinity members.

Trustees (Frank):

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| **Vendor** | **Amount** | **For** |
| Link Management | $672.00 | Monthly Property Management Fee |
| Anderson Heating & Cooling | $2,902.87 | Servicing/Cleaning of boiler |
| Fine Tuning | $1,134.00 | Repair of Sanctuary Piano |
| **Other Bills** |  |  |
| Anderson Heating & Cooling | $99.00 | Service Call for Parsonage Furnace |

* **Frank motioned to approve these bills be paid from building endowment → Kay moved and Claudia seconded → Board Approved**
* For the bus, the bearing on the air conditioner is rattling so the air conditioning may go out, and there is a separate issue with the heating on the bus.
* The boiler for the church had a pump that malfunctioned and a new part is on order.
* There was a lead test conducted on the garage doors at the parsonage and this week Tracey will find out if there was lead detected on the paint on the door.
* Board members are encouraged to take a tour of the basement to get more familiar with the maintenance issues and to be aware if any issues occur with flooding or other incidents.
* Pastor Tracey remembers that her old church in Gary had a special flooring (a poured floor) that helped prevent mold - she will find out what that is called so we can see if that is a potential solution for Trinity’s basement.

Finances (Emily):

* After researching banks and credit unions, Emily suggests that we transfer the checking and savings and money market and credit cards from Regions to the Purdue Credit Union due to ongoing difficulties with Regions.
* The Purdue Credit Union has branches all over town and the closest location is on Union Street.
* Offering counters go (in pairs) together in one car to make deposits for the church’s accounts.
* **Kay motioned to move checking, savings, money market, and credit cards to Purdue Credit Union → Frank seconded —> Board Approved**
* The CD did have a purpose at one time, but that purpose is no longer relevant so that money is not earmarked for anything. Our regular account makes 2.5% and the CD makes 3%, so it is in the best interest to continue the CD when it comes up for renewal. If we removed the money from the CD ($25k) mid-cycle, we would just lose the past six months of interest (~$125), which is not a huge concern.

Missions (Kathy M. and Betty):

* The focus for May donations will be Family Promise.
* We received lots of donations for the bags for Brianna’s Hope and any odds and ends can be given to Grace Church to incorporate into their bags.

Staff Parish and Nominations (Pastor Tracey):

* Tracey presented a job description for the community outreach position with consultation from Ruth (our previous communications staff member). We have not had a community outreach position previously so funding for this position through the end of the calendar year can come from the monies designated for Monica’s YA position. The position is 15 hours/week.
* **Emily motioned to approve the position posting → Kay seconded → Board Approved**

Reminder: Pastor Tracey will be at a retreat next week.

**By the next meeting, the governance board will consider criteria for resuming apportionment payments.**

**Pastor Suzanne closed in prayer.**

**The next meeting will be May 24 at 6:30 pm.**