TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Governing Board Meeting

November 30, 2021

**In Attendance:** Chair Savannah Jewell, Frank Cederquist, Jeremy Grossman, Bob Lilly, Kathy Manwaring, Claudia Alenduff, Steven Flowers, Lisa Nielsen, Mary Jo Risk, Pastor Suzanne Clemenz, Pastor Monica McDougal, Susie Riley, Steve Ash, Ryan Wynkoop, Kathy Young, and Pastor Tracey Leslie.

Opening prayer from Suzanne.

**Meeting Minutes from October approved: Savannah motioned → Kathy seconded → board approved.**

**General Updates:**

* Kay Franscoviak will fill the role of Lay Leader for 2022.
* Pastor Tracey read aloud the thank you note from the Afghan family our congregation helped.
* Pastor Suzanne reported on the many thanks that she has received for the holiday care packages.

**Trustees (Frank):**

* Bills to be paid from the Building Endowment:

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| Vendor | Amount | For |
| Link Management | $672.00 | Monthly Property Management Fee October |
| Anderson Heating & Cooling | $2,670.00 | Repair of HVAC |
| Awards Unlimited | $20.00 | Address Sign for Church |
| Frank Cederquist | $42.78 | Filters-Office HVAC |
| Frank Cederquist | $9.12 | Light Bulbs |

* **Frank motioned to approve the bills and Ryan seconded → Board Approved.**
* Frank contacted providers who offer snow removal, and no one has yet said that they can do it. Claudia suggested that Frank contact Terry Beach at Lafayette Lawncare.

**Finance (Ryan):**

* The yearly report was sent out by Ryan: we still have a surplus, still over on some lines. The nursery has only one paid employee and the budget reflects this change. We hope that pledges reach $250,000. Other income was high in 2021 because we knew the Miller Estate funds would be arriving.  We currently are not aware of any major gifts for 2022 so this amount is lower.  Some new things included in the budget are the staff retreat, salary adjustments, as well as new events (“music and arts”, “Oaks and Acorns”). We have the apportionments in our savings account. We would have a significant deficit if not for the endowments.
* We received an unexpected gift from an estate ($5,000) from Mr. Robert Brelsford

 in honor of his mother. 10% off the top of any gift given without stipulations goes towards missions.

* The board needs to decide what to do with the estate gift. Ryan recommends that we place it in the Undesignated Endowment. **Steven motioned for the placement of $4,500 of the gift into the Undesignated Endowment and Savannah seconded → Board Approved.**
* The Everett Endowment was originally used to provide salary for the organist but it can be used for any music ministry.  So, it will not be used to supplement the organist’s compensation in the 2022 budget.
* The Andrews Estate goes into the Operating Budget. Program Endowment has approximately $30,000 in funds.
* The budget was written with sustained or increased giving for 2022.
* **Ryan motioned to approve the 2022 Budget, Lisa seconded → Board Approved.**

**Missions (Mary Jo):**

* There were three requests for missions support from Lafayette Urban Ministry (LUM), Indiana UM Children’s Home (INUCH), and Lafayette Transitional Housing. We had previously given earlier this year to LUM and IUMCH but not Lafayette Transitional Housing.
* Different non-profits send letters to churches at the year-end to ask for donations; this is very normal.
* We currently have $2,322.40 in the Missions Fund plus the $500.00 from the unexpected estate gift, which will be $2,822.40 total in the Missions Fund.
* For 2022, there is $2,000.00 budgeted for Missions based on the carry-over from 2021.
* We will hold onto this amount for use in 2022 with $2,822.40 in the Missions fund.

**Recognition and welcome of board members (Pastor Tracey)**

**Preaching Schedule (Tracey):**

* Tracey asked if we think it is fine to have the other three ministers share in the preaching work since it has been a change from previous years when Tracey would be the only regular preacher.
* The board agreed that it has been nice to have the other three pastors preach although we do enjoy Tracey’s preaching. We have appreciated how the four pastors have taken turns sharing their messages, and it has given them experience preaching and it has given the congregation a good opportunity to get to know them.
* Tracey is not slacking by not preaching each Sunday. :)

**Staff Parish (Steven):**

* Staff check-ins were not completed this year, but Bob will help carry that out next year.
* Last year we gave $100 Christmas bonuses to each staff member from the Program Endowment.
* Steven motioned for the 12 individuals (11 staff + Erik) to receive $125.00 as a Christmas bonus, which is $1,200.00 total from the SPRC Miscellaneous Staff Relations budget from the general operating budget.

**Masks during service (Tracey):**

* Tracey asked for feedback we may have heard on wearing masks since she is not aware of anyone who is against it since she typically hears only positive feedback.
* Only one family was known to not attend service directly because of the mask requirement that we have, but that is it.
* After extensive discussion of Purdue’s tentative plan to re-evaluate mask wearing mandates in February, the board agreed to revisit the mask mandate at our January meeting to see if there were COVID updates that could change our policy at that time.

Tracey closed the meeting in prayer.

**Next Meeting (Zoom) – January 25, 2022 @ 6:30p**