

Board Meeting Minutes Oct 8, 2019

Present - Brian, Rev Barbara, Steve, Cathy, Paula, Nancy, Jon, Ken.
Visitors - None.

Chalice Lighting and Opening words - Cathy.
Check in.

No changes to the agenda.

A couple of items already moved out of consent agenda. Remaining items in the consent agenda were accepted.

Affirmation of new members -- None. Brian noted that there haven't been new members reported to Board in a suspiciously long time, and wondered if that might be due to a communication glitch. He is going to check into that.

Transparency report -- Cathy. all items on website as they should be.

Assignments made for this meeting. Steve filling in for David as secretary.

Old Business

Board members asked to complete doodle poll for August 2020 Board Retreat.

Barbara is now on the Board mailing list.

Treasurer's report is up on site.

Poll -- Cathy reports poll is completed. Cathy is sending everything to Debbie tomorrow. Brian suggested mention of poll in newsletter. Link to poll will be on Board section of website.

Linkage Event - Steve reports event is scheduled for February 28th. Potluck followed by entertainment. Entertainment will most likely be Family Feud. We'll try to be sure to use the event for linkage (in addition to just socializing). Further updates from subcommittee (Steve and David) are pending.

Chair Elect — no nominations.

Treasurer's report -- Ken. Clarified some points that were brought up by Paula. Next month - first fiscal quarter report will be avail.

Lead Minister incidental report - Barb. Consultant coming out in November. Camille is giving the consultant a lot of the data that the consultant needs. Report will be given Nov 17th. We are hoping to get the report to the larger congregation.

Sending out letters to some missing pledges. Haven't gotten many of the letters back, so Barb will be making some phone calls.

The Defeat the Deficit team met last night. Lots of good ideas. Maybe a "Blue Jean Ball." Brian has agreed to be the first testimonial person at Sunday services.

Paula asked — Bids for salvage for 222? Does that mean demolition is certain? Barb - yes. Demolition is certain, but the details are uncertain. Discussed some of the financial aspects of the 222 demolition. Also addressed how to better communicate progress to congregation.

Executive session started 746pm

Executive session ended 806pm.

"End" of the month is nurturing leadership. Brian wondered if there is going to be a leadership development event. One is tentatively planning for February 8th. 830-1230. Ongoing search for potential future Board members. At least one interested candidate identified.

4.6.6 — Paula asked about the documentation of the MO payroll taxes. Table 6 of 10. "Date paid" was missing for some of the entries. Some of the entries changed with the change in accounting system. Discussed possible adjustments/simplifications to the reporting of financial information. Suggestions included taking some of the information out that was old. 2016 and 2017.

4.8.2 — Paula wonders: is the metric measuring all portions of the policy in that section? Should the metric include reports of the past month's use of a fund which use was (1) specifically listed and approved in the annual operating budget; or (2) a capital spending item or project that specifically anticipated use of the applicable fund? (Highlighted in the report).

Reminder from Brian: Doodle poll for August 2020 retreat time.

For next meeting: Unity of voice - how come they're not evenly-spaced? Brian will check to see if there was some justification for the uneven spacing.

Reviewed assignments for next Board meeting.
Might look at dashboard for financial reporting.
Actions items assigned.

Actions:

Review of spacing of Unity of Voice 3.1

Follow-up on executive session items.

Suggestions on Treasurer's report.

Retreat Doodle poll.

Barbara to confer with with Camille re 4.6 and 4.8

Brian — newsletter article with mention of survey 10/15.

Provide survey data to rev Barbara when survey closes - to be shared confidentially with consultants.

Meeting transparency report from Paula. No deficiencies. Discovered that the headers did not work like we thought they did, and much hilarity ensued.

Adjourned at 9:54pm.