

APRIL 2020 BOARD MINUTES VIA ZOOM

Present for the Board Meeting -

Trustees: Rolf Habersang, Dwight Vick, Larry Miller, Tom Nichols, Cyndy Walton, Jeff Davis

Not present: George Peterson (could not get Zoom to give him audio and visual so left the meeting)

Minister: Rev. Nell Newton

Staff: April Myers

Congregants: Maisie Everett, Bruce Fielder, Deb Winters, Jeff Buck, Joan Urban

Quorum established. Meeting call to order at 12:30 by Rolf, Meeting Recorded.

Lighting of chalice and reading

Guests/open floor:

Joan Urban: Minister's Compassion Fund was not announced this morning. Wanted to be sure it is in the newsletter. Stewardship Committee is wondering if they should be making calls about estimates of giving right now. Everyone agreed that those that haven't pledged so far probably don't have the means and shouldn't be pressed at this time.

(note: It was noted that information about the Minister's Compassion Fund is being publicized in all our means of communication.)

Acting Secretary's Report from March: Minutes from March meeting approved.

Treasurer's Report: March in red \$1000+ but in black overall due to an early year donation. Treasurer's report - filed for audit; financials approved by consent.

Edward Jones account is down. But not as much as has been lately. Need to watch month to month expenses. We got a government relief loan of \$20,000. It covers payroll including Nell. We have to keep good records so we don't have to pay it back. Thank you Bruce.

Roof project is finished. Roofer has agreed with insurer that total cost is under \$82,000. We will be getting an initial check for \$49,000+. We will be

out our deductible of \$2500. Cyndy Walton moved that for the duration of the Covid19 lockdown, all employees will be paid for the average number of hours worked monthly in the previous 12 months as calculated for the PPP funds. If an employee works more hours in a given month than the average, they will be paid for actual hours worked. Moved and seconded. Passed.

Nell's Report: G.A. will be virtual at \$150 each. There is money available for others to go.

Nell is working to bring American Heretic Documentary set in Oklahoma. It is about what happens when churches actually try to live "love thy neighbor."

Nell has two ideas for us to think about doing: Consider working with Carlton online. Add the ability for people for people to donate by text. Lot of people are on their phones.

Rolf says worship is amazing. He gives a thanks the team who puts it together.

Nell says her sermon next week is on identity and how to welcome people of different identities.

Someone in our congregation is transitioning. Nell will let the person work out how they want to communicate that to the congregation.

Committee Reports -

Caring Committee: Calling our members has been a success.

Deb Winters: Landscaping company did mowing Thursday. Mowing is being donated by the Van Petten family. Motion made by Tom to sell the mower. Seconded and passed.

Old Business -

Rolf: Love Dare: Got \$6000 initial plus \$600.

We will not change our **coronavirus plan** for the time being.

Congregational meeting scheduled for April 26 needs to be reconsidered. It could be done as a webinar. Discussion ensued. Decision was made to change it from a congregational meeting to a Congregational Discussion. This is because we missed the deadline for announcing the meeting and agenda to the congregation. Rolf will send out a message to congregants describing it and inviting them.

Trustee position: Leadership Development has recommended Jeff Buck. Question about his membership and meeting by-law requirement. By-laws were checked. Two year requirement says for officers, there is no mention of a length of membership requirement for trustees. Motion by Tom Nichols and seconded to approve Jeff Buck. Motion carried.

New Business -

Discussed General Assembly and how we might take advantage of it being online.

Open Forum for board members:

The Worship Associate script will be changed to say Mission instead of Mission Statement because a Mission is something we live. A mission statement hangs on the wall in a frame and isn't alive.

Thanks to Deb Winters for the work on the garden.

Meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

Submitted by Nina Stein, Secretary,