

Clinton Heights UCC February 2022 Joint Board Meeting 2/8/2022

Attendance: Max Martin, Barbara Toll, Cindy Miller, Julie Kirk, Tom Poole, Tina Koonz, Joanne Boel, Nicole Forth, Carl Kirk, Bruce Giddings, Bob Henion, Elaine Wilchek (all via Zoom meeting)

Opened the meeting with prayer at 7:30 PM

Meeting Operations discussion: Makes more sense to operate as one big group. How to handle confidential issues? The policy manual says that the deacons should proceed with a sense of confidentiality. Deacons requested leaving some confidential matters out of the minutes. Council agrees to confidentiality and the whole group will talk about confidential items off of the record. This will need to be very clear for the purpose of keeping minutes.

Deacons minutes were never released to the congregation, while council was. We can leave some confidential items on the agenda with no details, or the items can be left as discussion points at the end of the meetings. Council minutes are available on request - we used to post them in the church.

Accounts: For this year, we should keep the deacon's money separate. Might want it to be separate going forward but we can discuss.

Do we have co-chairs? For now, Tom and Bruce are co-chairs while Julie and Carl are in Florida. Tom did the work of making up the agenda for this meeting based on his and Bruce's input.

Cindy motioned that everyone in the group has voting power. Seconded, approved. Motion passed. We need to tell the congregation that we are acting as a voting group board.

Secretary, Council Minutes: Dates changed, and title changed in real time. Approved.

Deacon Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Deacons Treasurer Report: Approved.

Financial Secretary: Approved

Council Treasurer Report: "Property Taxes" is for water and sewer taxes. Everything matches. Approved.

Pastor: Confirmation class continues with Aidan and Joshua. Little rocky over Zoom. The curriculum is a video series, and first Sunday there were tech issues. After that, there was a workaround that was successful and fostered positive conversations. No takers on joint task force so far. Working on anti-racism task force with conference, which has continued to be fulfilling. Church school still going well. Barb has spoken with Ron to try to get him back onto Zoom and catching up with him.

Property: Ice removal after recent storm. Fire Code Inspection had a number of items that are being addressed, including bringing in Mangione locksmithing. Mangione will also address some

punch-list items with last year's door installations. The hot water heater for the church is out and Family Danz is procuring parts to fix the unit. Property Lines for Parsonage and Church properties show that the two buildings are already on separate lots, which may require lot line adjustments if we're interested in selling the Parsonage in the future. Aidan began cleaning duties.

Visitation/ Elder Conversation Report: Bruce delivered flowers to Ethel Center, but was unable to see her directly due to COVID. Bruce will reach out to Ginny as noone has seen or spoken to her in awhile. Barb has reached out to Anne Wark.

Old Business:

Church is closed due to Omicron Variant
Annual Meeting was held in January.

New Business:

Re-Evaluate Church closing: Shoot for first sunday in March back to in-person. Potential for rise in cases due to February break. We will plan for Ash Wednesday to be in-person. Still planning to go hybrid for the future. Will reinforce the masking requirement. Will re-evaluate masking month-to-month. Will discuss upcoming that we might tie our mask requirements to the schools'.

No Lenten lunches - the group that typically runs those is not planning to do it this year.

Easter Sunday plans: Empty Tomb as theme. Usual banners and other decorations.

Reminders: Bob is DOM for Feb. Elaine is DOM for March. Dry communion for now. Deacons will continue to obtain worship assistants. Deacons will continue to do the physical deacon duties (set up for communion, etc). Barb will follow up on potential five for five in March.

Adjourned at 8:55 PM

Next Meeting:

March 8, 7:30 PM as a joint board