

Minutes of the FCUCC Council Meeting  
March 16, 2021, 6:30 PM  
Conducted via Zoom

Council member attendees: Margaret Baldwin, Daniel Russo, Phil Owen, Christina Hellums, Kathy Sheibley, Cara Roth

Absentees: Ed Eggleston, Jack Allman

Guests: Nan Wagner, Sheldon Hurst

Late arrivals: Rev. Eric Elnes, Tom Corbett

### **Opening**

Margaret gave a reflection and prayer to open meeting.

February minutes were approved and accepted with minor changes.

### **Treasurer Report** by Cara in Ed's absence

The following 4 documents are in the March folder: balance sheet, Feb. financial chart, profit and loss collapse and profit and loss preliminary.

Metro has paid their rent.

The Brown Grant has been submitted and a copy is in the March folder.

The PPP loan went into the account end of the year. It has now been moved to the reserve account.

Direct any questions about the optics of this to Cara.

### **Business Manager Report** by Cara

Copy of report is in March folder.

The Church's appraisal is up 1.64% which will almost double the premium. Copy of the report is in the March folder.

A neighborhood group has formed to build community with those on the streets. An overview of the Good Neighbor Project is in the March folder. Cara will be meeting with Barbara Bennett to see if she would be interested in being the Church's liaison to this group.

During the recent ice storm, a leak developed in the basement which caused some water damage. A report assessing the damage will be coming back from Pioneer Waterproofing.

The art museum has been booked for Easter sunrise service.

Hanging plants for the front porch have been ordered for a touch of color and cheer.

Cara has been working on an updated evaluation for the facility manager position.

### **Holy Week Schedule**

Maundy Thursday – Seder service lead by Rabbi

Friday – view Stations of the Cross with Sheldon

Sunday – 6:45 Sunrise Service at Art Museum plaza. Space is given without charge.

10:30 Zoom Easter service

### **Website Update**

Daniel has contact with a professional who does website design.

Suggestion of having links that would go to the website to cut back on lengthy weekly emails.

Cara would like to hire someone to assist Andre with graphic design, social media, etc. She suggested doing the groundwork as to what the Church needs before redesigning the website so the end product would reflect more accurately who we are.

Tom Corbett arrived.

### **PIN Map**

Phil's presentation of PIN Map possibilities will be moved to the April agenda.

### **Survey Monkey**

Agreed that it would be a good tool to have at our disposal. Cost is \$32 a month/\$384 a year.

Christina suggested that it should be used sparingly so as not to burnout members.

Phil asked how and by whom it would be managed.

### **Ending Covid Celebration Proposal** presented by Tom Corbett representing the Art Committee

Tom presented a proposal on a one day festival at the Church to celebrate life post pandemic. The event would reach out to all people and would feature art, music, dance, etc. The proposal is in the March folder.

Questions that came up:

Who in the Church and outside the Church is willing to be involved.

The need for a central figure as coordinator and an ad hoc committee

What is the time frame. Needs to coordinate with the Church life. Scheduling is tending towards fall.

Council gave the ok for Art Committee to go ahead with the proposal.

If anyone has recommendations for the ad hoc committee, send them to Tom.

### **40-Day Post-pandemic Discernment Schedule**

April 17 – Day long Church leaders retreat to discuss ideas and refine proposal to bring to Council

April 20 – Council meeting to approve proposal

May 2 – June 13 – Discernment period, more small groups opportunities, etc

June 13 – Congregational meeting to vote on proposal for trial period post pandemic church

July – Eric on vacation

Soft roll-out in August

“Hard opening” on Sept. 12

August 15 – January 16 – 5 month trial period

January 23, 2022 – Final vote at annual congregational meeting after trial period

Rev. Eric arrived

### **Senior Minister Report**

In his meetings with Church members, the two topics which were consistently mentioned were concern for the houseless and appreciation for the Zoom option.

Eric presented this proposal for Council to consider: Restore the Sabbath as a day of rest. From sundown Saturday to sundown Sunday, would be a time to reconnect with the Earth, nature, family and friends. Saturday would consist of Church service in the morning and a potluck afterwards. The sharing of food would include the homeless. Being downtown Saturdays would also give the Church the opportunity to engage with the many Saturday Market participants. There is a need for actions that set us apart.

### **Closing**

Margaret gave the closing thoughts.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Sheibley

