

## COUNCIL MINUTES: 12.15.20

ATTENDANCE: Kathy Sheibly, Ed Eggleston, Phil Owen, Paris Hancock, Margaret Baldwin, Daniel Russo, Anne Sullivan, Cara Rothe. Visitors: Ted Heid, Bruce Bishop, Christina Hellums

Opening Prayer: Eric opened the meeting with prayer

### Sharing of our Meeting Guidelines

- Announcements:
  1. Selection of the date for Final Budget vote: 1/12/20.
  2. Selection Committee nominees: Anne Sullivan, Phil Oliver, Eileen Deerdock, Bill Sullivan
  3. Nominating: Margaret Oethinger will continue. Perhaps Deb Chapman may agree to re-join.  
Daniel Hunter will assist in 2020 to develop nominees for 2021 Nominating
- GROUND LEASE DISCUSSION:
  1. P5 did not respond by 12/1 re: ways to move forward
  2. Ted sent letter requesting they agree to begin repayment beginning 7/1 and stop fees for parking.
  3. P5 declined. Period. States not anticipating return to business prior to September 2021 and cannot agree to terms.
  4. Ted is proposing the Council approve his working with the Attorney Joe West on behalf of FCUCC.
  5. Ted proposing Joe West send letter to P5 with beginning of negotiations, eg: interest accrual...
  6. Ted asking if he has authority to continue to negotiate with Joe West, and the team of Treasurer, Business Manager, Sr. Minister, Moderator, Ted Heid.
  7. Discussion around establishment of a Lease Negotiation Sub-Committee to work on FCUCC. This is agreed upon.
- CHRISTMAS FUND:
  1. Bill Cunitz noted that typically there is an annual offering gathered in December to contribute to this fund which supports retired ministers.
  2. There are Testimonials online that could be included in service.
  3. Propose sending out an email after this service with links to giving
  4. Approved with Consensus
- AUDIT:
  1. Ed proposes moving the Audit review slated to occur in 2021 (of 2020 books) be postponed until 2022 (of 2021). Approve with Consensus.
  2. Ed and Cara will review the recommendations from 2017 Audit and determine if there are remaining tasks to complete.
- SANCTUARY FAITH/LAY LEADER SIGN ON LETTER TO PRESIDENT BIDEN
  1. Peacemaking Core Ministry Facilitator and Bruce Bishop bring the question.
  2. Should FCUCC-Portland sign on to a letter of support
  3. Consensus approves
  4. Daniel completed and submitted this letter of support
- TREASURER REPORT: ED PRESENTING
  1. Ed shares November financials to elucidate current financial picture

2. PPP loan still shows as a liability. Ed is completing paperwork to resolve this
- Peacemaking input:
  1. Carter shared a donation opportunity for members to contribute to support the Black Community. Created by member of Ainsworth UCC.
  2. Determine link to this will be posted on FB page and in Sunday Bulletin
- BUSINESS MANAGER REPORT
  1. AA group has paid church their office rent even though not using the space. They shared that they appreciate the work of the congregation and want to support this.
  2. Steve has requested to resign. Likely date of departure is mid-January
  3. Steve's departure will impact when/how Art Gallery can be accessed
  4. Art Gallery and opening of church options. Sheldon is beginning to imagine alternative ways to invite folks in. eg: pods visiting art gallery by appt...
- MINISTER'S REPORT
  1. Eric wants to meet with each member of the church
  2. His book Asphalt Jesus is something he wants to give to the congregants at these meetings
  3. Leaving town 12/21 to return to Omaha for Christmas
  4. Hoping to put out an appeal for small groups after the new year
  5. Countryside Community church is gifting FCUCC with access to a site/videos:  
Darkwoodbrew.org
    - a. Plans to use this for small groups
  6. Countryside Comm. Church is also gifting us some AV equipment

Closing Prayer: Eric