

Attendees:

Charlotte A. Pontius
Thomas W. Osgood
Sharon L. Sims
Richard K. Meyer
Pat Matthews
Judy Kirkham
Michael Cohen
Linda Rice

Kaye McSpadden

Not attending:

Peggy Griffith

Minutes taken by:

Richard Meyer

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Richard lit the chalice.

Minutes:

Tom moved to approve. Charlotte seconds. Approved by vote.

Financial Report:

Pledge Update: Current year 7 pledges in, due by end of April. Normally have over 20. 7 in include some increases. No formal financial report. No major changes to budget yet.
Roughly 90k in monetary assets

Recent numbers for accounts:

Old National Bank \$12589.01 CD \$44230.24
Bank of Indianapolis (play) \$1340.37
Financial Center CDs \$17034.41 (2018 maturity) \$16117.80 (mat 2021)

\$76 portion for Share the Plate.

Charlotte and Tom discussed a small portion in the newsletter for a brief summary of financial status. Kaye adds the newsletter could provide a link to a more detailed report if desired.

Worship Coordinator:

Kaye reports one meeting of the team with a long list of ideas. Have started on half of needed Summer Sundays.

Tom adds that it has been good to test the idea of this group and get the experience before the absolute need, or even a decision this was the route decided upon.

Sherry has asked Jan to also provide how much time she has spent on “administrivial” duties so we can plan accordingly.

Social Justice:

Sherry reports we have committed, starting in May, to providing volunteers at The Cupboard (TC) one Wednesday morning per month.

Kaye will join Donna at TC this Wednesday.

TC is asking specifically for milk, eggs and canned meats.

Charlotte mentions that milk can be frozen.

Sherry mentions that 1200 families are being served by TC.

Raise the Wage has had a setback and is refocusing.

Charlotte wonders if we can get OUUC t-shirts.

Buildings and Grounds:

B&G group did a walk around and found multiple issues.

We do seem to have a large crack forming on one side of the church running top to bottom and a couple stained glass windows are buckling. Linda to pursue someone to evaluate.

Charlotte reports we may be eligible for grants for repairs of items relating to the exterior due to historical designation.

Sherry reports that we need new hoses. Michael says about 200ft. Sherry would prefer the scrunchy ones because they would be more manageable.

Michael will ask Ryan Thie to give the church an estimate (in addition to mowing) for some basic landscaping maintenance.

Flower planting and garden bed work will be targeted for a scheduled work day. – Sat 05/09 10a-12p

A roll-out ladder was discussed to address limited egress issues for the balcony.

Fire extinguishers and lighting have been checked.

We did receive the certificate from Homeland Security for the elevator.

Other:

Decluttering:

Donna Wing contacted Kaye regarding some cleanup/disposal of play and church related items backstage.

Kaye has someone interested in the backstage piano.

Judy wants to save some items for wedding related events, including some candelabras and an arch, which started much discussion on keep/not. It was agreed to keep the candelabras and let the arches go unless the white one can be repaired.

Central Indiana UU Group:

Planning activities for Pride Day, which is requesting churches donate \$250/ea to the effort. This would cover a booth registration, brochures, toss-aways for the parade itself, etc. towards a \$1400 budget based on last year's expenses. It was suggested this come from Social Justice budget. Charlotte suggests the suggestion be made that any left over CIUUG Pride Parade funds be donated and not be retained for the following year. Sherry motions \$200 be donated. Linda seconds. Vote approves.

Sherry reports that we received a request from a Spanish Speaking Seventh Day Adventists looking for a worship space. Their last contract was with a church that changed hands. Their practice is to donate \$400/mo to the place where they meet. They are insured. Sherry was mentioned that we have other activities, specifically the play, was mentioned as something we would have to work around. This will be brought up in today's meeting after church.

Sherry has a list of questions to go back to them with to make sure our activities mesh.

Nominating committee:

Linda and Pat were elected to serve out the second year of a term.

Treasurer/VP needs to be sorted out since Tom is serving as both. Tom agrees to continue being Treasurer, but he does need to be voted in. VP will need to be filled.

Richard brings up the tabled issue of shrinking the board, as was discussed last election cycle. The general discussion/agreement was that we would not pursue it.

Need to have a slate by May 17.

Church rental fee standardization:

\$100 fee seems low

\$50 for the kitchen – though we don't want anyone cooking in there.

Richard suggests a deposit that would cover cleanup, if necessary.

Michael will look into rates of other churches in the area.

Kaye mentions that once a final decision is made, she will get it on the website.

It was mentioned we also need to add a timeframe.

Sherry and Judy will work through the language of the agreement.

For kitchen usage, would there be additional certifications (Board of Health?) needed?

Cleaning:

It was discussed that we should have our cleaning person visit more than monthly.

Congregational lunch is today.

Child Care:

Kaye mentions the child care space needs to be refreshed and a proposal will be brought to the board.

Announcements:

Judy suggests reinforcing church activities during the announcements.

Job Descriptions:

Kaye has prepared descriptions for volunteer positions. Those will be discussed later.

Meeting adjourned - 10:07