

Governing Board (Zoom) Meeting, April 20, 2020

Board members present: Amy Preston, Chip Wall, Win Irwin, Katie Mitchell, Brad Miller, Kathleen Higgins, Jean Bahle, Kristin Mayer, James Taylor, Paul Arnold, Steve Depolo, George Zuiderveen, Shellie Jeffries, Will Gallmeyer

Board members absent: Geoff Kempter

Staff present: Fred Wooden, Christopher Roe, Melissa Hoezee, Virginia Anzengruber

Scribe: Connie Grahm had technical issues and had to log off early

Congregants present: Todd and Patti Johnson, Gary Eberle, Jim and Julie Johnson, Kirsten Lundeen, Buzz Wynbeek, Meredith Bradley, Bunny Johnson, Marty Arnold, Judy Botts, Patrick Eamon, Carol VanHoven

Chip called the meeting to order

Kathleen gave the opening meditation: "Comfortable with Uncertainty" by Pema Chödrön

Congregational comments: Virginia Anzengruber expressed gratefulness with the work of Danny Heck. Todd Johnson wants to show appreciation for the work of the Board during this tough time.

Comments on last months minutes: Jean wanted to add George Zuiderveen's last name.

James Taylor moved to accept minutes. Jean Seconded. Motion passed.

Chip explained the new date for Fred retirement celebration. June 14th is the tentative date. The scheduled speaker for that date will be rescheduled. Chip pointed out that we have two resignation letters on record from Fred. Steve Crandall, Steve Wooden, Amy Preston and Joe Jones will be speaking during the service as well as Fred. A reception will follow in the social Hall with the Women's committee helping put that together.

ET Report: Christopher presented the report noting that lot of adjustments were needed because of the stay-at-home order. Jean questioned the March attendance record. Christopher noted that it was large because of the Women's service and online attendance was included in the dashboard write-up.

Win Irwin presented the financial report. Highlights include borrowing \$90,000 from the Foundation and receiving \$5000 from the 150th committee. Building services costs are cutback since the building is closed. Staff will be retained at their current compensation. We are

currently in a cash positive position, but that is because we received the Foundation support in March. 1st quarter pledge statement will go out soon. Received PPP loan from the government to cover two months of payroll. That loan may revert to a grant. Win thanked Fred and the UUA for alerting us to the loan program and we were able to apply early. It is recorded that the Board voted unanimously by email last week to approve the loan application. Jean questioned the the issue of overlapping funds. The Finance Committee will start to sort through it and bring in the new minister for input.

Melissa updated the pledge numbers: 336 units pledged \$620,000 - 42 units less than last year.

Paul presented information on the new auction. Since we are \$30,000 under budgeted pledges as well as being short on our plate offering, we decided to put the whole auction online and include objects of value as well as services. Auction is now live and Paul thanked Virginia for her help putting it up on the web site. Bidding closes June 21st. Goal of 100 items at an average of \$100 each. Donors will remain unanimous unless they request to be identified. We will have up to a year to make the exchange of goods or services. The URL for auction is: fountainstreet.org/auction.

Jean asked about a report from the Search Committee and Chip said we would talk about that in closed session.

No new business.

Chip noted that we need to go into private session to discuss a personnel issue. Win so moved. Amy seconded. Voice vote was unanimous.

We resumed the regular session business with a motion by Win to accept the ministerial contract that was negotiated. Chip would be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf the Church. George seconded the motion which was carried unanimously. Chip thanked the Senior Minister Search Committee for their hard work.

Kathleen moved to adjourn. Win seconded and the motion passed.