

## **ESUUC Board Meeting 2/10/19**

*In attendance (Board):* Julia Kotowski, Kristine Burkwood, Jared Hammond, Scott Wise, Mary Bender, Marten Schreiber, Tiffany Griffith, Laura Solomon, Rev. Denis, Bob Ross, Dan Bond

*In attendance (non-Board):* Shirley Hairston, Kathleene Huntley

### **REPORTS:**

*Chair:* Sent out prior via email.

*Minister:* Sent out via email.

*DRE:* Halcyon just had shoulder surgery, so no formal report.

*Building and Grounds:* Retention basin seems to be not draining, which is causing some upheaval/erosion in parking lot. This is a major and recurring problem. The water wall (fountain) is going to get repaired with some new brackets. After painting in the RE wing is done, carpet will be cleaned. Dan's been working on the House Next Door, getting bids to repair the basement door.

*Membership:* Patrick sent out his report via email.

*Treasurer:* Dan reviewed his report. He is at the end of his three-year term at the end of June. No replacement has been made at this point. Dan would be willing to continue, but that is against the by-laws. Nominating committee needs to get moving quickly. We are above what we anticipated for income and below for expenses.

*Finance:* We are in a good cash flow position. But there is a lack of interest in doing fundraisers and art show did not make what was anticipated. So revenue is down. We can't rely on fundraisers next year. The stewardship campaign is going to have to make that up. Rev. Denis explained that most congregations don't work the way we do; they look at next year's budget and say they can reduce it by what was made the year before. When a fundraiser happens, that money is put aside for the next year. There is no estimating in the budget. We pay sound technicians for memorials, and we need to add that to the budget. We don't charge people who are members for memorials. When people donate to a memorial service, that money needs to be allocated for janitorial and sound technician expenses. Library bookshelves are still pending; we need to figure out what the priorities are. Stewardship: Julia has already recruited 4 people to do testimonials. Need to set a kickoff date with Rev. Denis.

*Financial Secretary:* Mary emailed her report, previous to the meeting. We remain ahead with income, and our expenses are less than budgeted, so cash flow is good.

*Committee on Ministry:* The next meeting is scheduled. Minna will talk with Julia and Rev. Denis to talk about the next "sifting" service.

*Safety & Security:* At their last meeting, they talked about whomever doing the welcome for a worship service, be the last out of the sanctuary in the case of an evacuation. There's going to be an article in the *Beacon* about baseball bats and let everyone know where they are and what's they're for.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

*Magnolia Fundraiser:* Offering up 150 engraved plates for the chairs in the sanctuary at about \$50 each. Would pay for the engraving and the cleaning of the chair. Would have to sell 36 plaques to clean all the chairs. Anything beyond that that is sold would go to the General Fund. Would not do anything that is not covered by the collected funds. 14 already sold if this goes forward. Dan suggested that any additional funds be allocated to clean spots on the carpet. Dan moved that the Magnolia Fundraiser Project go forward, at a minimum of 36 plaques for up to 150 chairs and any funds over 36 plaques sold would go towards carpet cleaning. Motion passed.

*Intergenerational Work Update:* Rev. Denis went to Breckenridge on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>. They complained a lot of the time. They complained about the use of the word “elder,” the use of small groups and the drumming before services. After the approximately 1.5 hours of complaining, they started with ideas and wanting to do this again –they’ll be doing it twice per year. The GenX/Millennials met at Laura & Eric’s house on the 26<sup>th</sup>. After watching a Saturday Night Live skit (“Millennial Millions”), there was a lot of complaining and then ideas flowing, much like the Breckenridge meetup. Boomers now want their own meeting. Rev. Denis has realized that the complaining is actually beneficial to some extent.

*Kirtland Strategic Planning Meeting:* Several members of East Shore attended this past week. Rev. Denis sent out a summary via the listserv. There was discussion of integrating East Shore into the wider community at the board meeting, especially our building. Kirtland needs more community space. Rev. Denis will talk to Helen Petersburg from the Kirtland mayor’s office and ask how we can be a resource.

*Looking to 3<sup>rd</sup> Congregational Meeting:* The second is scheduled for March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Rev. Denis and Bob Ross have talked about a third one in April and making it a special congregational meeting for changing the (easier to change) bylaws as well. The meeting could also serve to get feedback on recommendations from the Safety & Security committee.

*Common Ground Request Update:* Bob registered us through the Cleveland Foundation as a Common Ground site, but it’s not official until the Board approves it. Once the host guide comes out in March, Bob will send it out to everyone. Dan made a motion to formally commit to being a Common Ground site on June 30<sup>th</sup> of 2019. Tiffany seconded. Motion carried.

*Lakeland Community College Wellness Checks Request Update:* No more information available at this time, but Lakeland knows that we would welcome them. Consensus was to go ahead with it (did not require a motion).

*Blood Drive Update:* We now have enough to have it go forward.

*Bloom Medicinals Ohio Program:* Wants a community forum to talk about medicinal marijuana, which is now legal in Ohio. But this is a private company, even though the forum would be open to the community. Board discussion consensus is that they should not get the space for free and would need to cover at least the janitorial and sound personnel expenses. Dan motioned to charge the standard fee, since it is a for-profit company. Motion carried.