

CUMC Administrative Board Summary
August 11, 2020

Attending: D. Atkin, Rev. Childs, S. Elswick, C. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, P. Kelley, L. Klinkenberg, J. Pittman, J. Rosenberger

Absent: D. Burtnick, D. Daniels, F. Mueller

Phil opened meeting with hymn "How Right It Is for Christians" sung to "The Church's One Foundation".
*The sheep in Jesus' story all matters to their Guide,
those thriving in green pastures and those shut out, denied.
The latter need attention the others may not need;
God's ear is fixed on hearing those cries we may not hear.*

Congregational Goals Update:

- Goal 1: Education: Will be updated when Delvin is with us.
- Goal 2. Reconciling Advocacy: Dea working with marketing contact to develop some new outreach opportunities. CUMC now listed in the "Gay Yellow Pages."
- Goal 5: Growth: Dea reported online service listed in www.bwcumc.org list of virtual services; working on entry to global UMC church listing.

Justice for All Committee:

- Attempting to involve younger members like Attiya and Sophia.
- Karen Ohlrich heading up Voter Registration effort. All committee members took voter registration training class. Concern about legal status is being investigated.
- Alsbrooks' are working on submission for Sept. newsletter.
- Sara and Sophia working on t-shirt design specific to our congregation.
- Sara has compiled extensive resource list that was shared at worship service and will be in newsletter.
- <https://www.bwcumc.org/news-andviews/reflections-on-racism> links to Dea's recommendation of recent article.
- Rev. Childs will not continue direct involvement in committee but will be available as a resource.

SPRC:

- Sherry was approved as interim chair in a motion by Lee and seconded by Dea. Vote was unanimous.
- Lee noted Stewardship Chairs are needed soon.

COMMUNICATIONS:

- Judy noted new newsletter deadline is 23rd of each month. Brevity, links, photos will enhance the upbeat, positive tone of each edition. All contributors have been oriented. Distribution list is being updated. Links to longer items like Admin Bd. minutes will be incorporated. Request for mini session on creating links will be forwarded to Mary Jo.

EDUCATION:

- Sunday School start date should be in Sept. newsletter.

CARING CONNECTION:

- Lunch Bunch continues virtually on the second Thurs. of each month.
- Some individual needs within the congregation are being handled.
- All encouraged to keep in touch with members who do not utilize virtual services or events.

- Phyllis will ask her daughters if they will organize “get together” in the Lindberg yard for young adults before fall classes begin.

MISSION MINISTRIES:

- The group agreed to decline Bd. of Child Care’s request to use CUMC gift cards for purposes other than the intended supplies for students. Jeanette will send letter of explanation.
- Sherry reported that the Food Bank is now offering “pop-up” locations in residential areas which may be lacking transportation access. Direct donations of food and cash are still being sought by the Food Bank.

WORSHIP:

- Phyllis expressed appreciation for the team creating virtual services.
- Lee reported \$900. remaining for guest speakers which will cover speakers during Rev. Childs’ vacation absences.
- Committee is considering another Marcia McPhee Worship Design Studio series for this fall.
- Sherry reminded Rev. Childs that “renewal leave” is available and separate from vacation time.

FINANCE:

- Waiting for David to share draft of Finance Policy.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- Rebates from pre-paid cards down approximately \$200 from last year’s \$646. Probably due to lack of in-person purchasing.
- On-line gift cards will be promoted. Some concern for businesses currently in trouble or closed.
- Lee reported that in general monthly cash flow is positive.
- Concern about OBIC budget impact due to rental cancelations will be handled early fall.

OBIC:

- Four congregations now meeting, although not all every week. Most using largest sanctuary so adequate distancing can be obtained.
- Clara drafting 2021 budget guided by 2019 budget. Concern about impact on congregations.
- Part time staff have recently been cut to 90% of hours. All custodians working at least part time
- OBIC is limiting use of building to 1/3 of fire marshal stated capacity.
- Concern about OBIC computer network’s limited capacity. Investigating upgrade from Epoch; Verizon a potential but would involve construction fees.

BW CONFERENCEC ACTIVITY:

- Kevin reported registration for Annual Conference due 8/23.
- Rev. Child checking on her voting status for conference matters.

CLERGY REPORT:

- Rev. Childs striving to maintain communication with less active members.
- Continues to contact Leveque family.

WARM WEATHER SHELTER:

- Most likely cancelled for this winter.

Rev. Childs closed in prayer.

Next mtg. Tues. Sept. 8 at 7PM.

