

Christ United Methodist Church  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

May 11, 2021

ATTENDING: D. Atkins, D. Burtnick, Z. Childs, D. Daniels, C. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, P. Kelley, L. Klinkenberg, L. Lehnert, P. Lindberg, J. Pittman, J. Rosenberger

ABSENT: F. Mueller

- Phil opened the meeting with a reading from *John Wesley's Awakening* by J.R. Joy.
- Discussion regarding the identity of CUMC was prompted by an email from Mary Jo Messenger. It acknowledged that the Justice for All Ministry created excellent diversity statements, but that diversity was only one of our identity factors. Our congregation needs to build on the suggested list of factors including diversity, to create a total congregational identity. Mary Jo will be asked to facilitate a process with Phil and Lillian to expand the list of identity factors for the 6/8 Admin. Board meeting. The Board will then refine the list and determine a process resulting in a working document of CUMC's total identity. It is anticipated that the new clergyperson will be an integral part of this process.
- Phil has drafted a survey to be administered to the congregation electronically regarding their preferences about in person activities. The Re-Opening committee will handle this in the coming weeks. Paper copies with self-addressed stamped envelopes will be mailed to those non-computer users or they will be called. Young people will be included.
- Rev. Childs reported continued contact with the Johnson family. Joe Willard is at home and making progress. The book study is underway. A celebration for Rev. Park is scheduled for 6/5.
- David requested all members to direct their electronic vote to Phil on the Financial Policy by Fri. 5/14.
- Lee reported that the monthly financial statement reflects improvement with a smaller deficit. Adjustments regarding fundraising efforts will be made more current.
- OBIC continues to struggle financially although rental activity has slightly increased. Some bills have been deferred, \$5,000 was borrowed from RFR fund, and PPE funds have ceased. One custodian will be replaced. There are still concerns about the heat pumps. Some wi-fi improvements have begun. Capacity remains at 1/3 for events unless management provides a waiver. Staff vaccinations need to be clarified. Additional marketing to encourage rentals was suggested.
- Dea is encouraging congregational goals be aligned with ministries. She requested people and ideas to work on Goal 4 regarding numerical growth.
- The Board voted to send \$100 from miscellaneous funds as a gift to Rev. Park for his celebration. Dea has information regarding the event.
- Worship Committee is anticipating the need for a new projector for in person services. Concern about window light on the wall. Graduates will be honored in June 6 worship.

- Newsletter deadline remains May 23.
- Mission Ministries has arranged for a donation of needed breakfast items to be brought to OBIC parking lot May 15, 10AM-12PM.
- Sunday School has concluded for the year with thanks to Regina Burtnick for her continual efforts. The book discussion on *The Dream Giver* continues Tues. evenings.
- Kevin reported that the conference appears to be planning a hybrid conference for Oct. 25-27 at the Baltimore Hilton and is now in the process of drafting relevant legislation to be presented.
- CUMC Cares has been contacting members and young adults who have not been participating in Zoom services letting them know they are missed. Emma Angelo has planned the re-opening of Lunch Bunch at her home for 5/13.
- Rev. Childs offered closing prayer and Phil shared another quote for the Roy text on John Wesley.

**NEXT MEETING June 8**