

Christ United Methodist Church  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY  
April 18, 2024

ATTENDING: C. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, B. Kobayashi, L. Klinkenberg, P. Lindberg, F. Mueller, B. Nicodemus, J. Pittman, J. Rosenberger, Katie Swanson, Kevin Swanson, A. Wells

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Clara will continue to work on the hallway water fountain.
- Clara will investigate the carpet reimbursement funds.
- Fred will investigate more about the deposit process at PNC and begin investigating other banks.
- Fred will be contacting the pledging households that have not started to fulfill their commitment.

OPENING: Lee opened the meeting with prayer.

**PASTORAL REPORT:**

- New members will be received Apr. 28 and Doug Weston will be confirmed.
- Memorial service for Clinton Edwards was held Apr 11 and appreciated by the family.
- Rev. Angela has spent significant time on the General Conference, particularly in her role with BWARM, as secretary of the UM Queer Clergy Caucus, helping with worship service planning at General Conference, and the preparation and facilitating a well-attended informational session for the congregation.
- SPRC was thanked for their support and flexibility as Rev. Angela deals with a significant health situation.
- The MD Rainbow Chorus is requesting rehearsal space from both CUMC and UU's and willing to utilize available space. In return both congregations will get publicity and a performance at a worship service. This group of teens and adults is just beginning so details will be forthcoming. The motion was made by Kevin Swanson, seconded by Fred and unanimously approved. CUMC will be charged usage based on the established process of percentage, as we do for PFlag sponsorship.

**COMMUNITY MINISTRIES:**

- Kevin reported that the Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored with UU's was successful with approximately 120 participants from the neighborhood and congregations. The giant bunny was popular for photos.
- The Drag Storytime went as planned and had 11 children involved.
- The June 29 Flamy Grant concert has begun selling tickets and will be held in Rm. C of OBIC. There will be 300 available seats.

**CARING COMMUNITY:**

- Our homebound members still appreciate calls, cards and visits. There are planned monthly visits by some women after Lunch Bunch.
- The Edwards family was most appreciative of the caring and support they received during Clinton's illness and the assistance at the luncheon following the service.
- There are 3 members recovering from surgery.

**OBIC:**

- Clara reported that the budget, though optimistic, is so far being met based on strong rentals.
- Large, anticipated expenses include lighting assessment and retrofitting which will be near \$35,000. A loan toward this project has been secured. Grant money is being sought to supplement the Reserves for Replacement (RFR) fund. A significant AC repair (replacement of two condensers in the newest section of the building, \$18,000) was also required.

- "OBIC will potentially make a special assessment to CUMC sometime in 2024. The maximum amount requested is to be \$5,000.00. In effect, it's a loan to cover a shortfall involving the OBIC RFR or Operating account. This loan will be fully paid back by December 2025."
- The by-laws revision is nearing completion and both owning congregations will review and vote on it by early summer.
- There is a possible in person meeting on the status of OBIC being considered for the owning congregations.
- A '25 budget estimate will be available in June. Assessment for both the RFR fund and for Operating are expected to increase (Operating was set low for 2024, after being high in prior years due to Covid.)

#### MISSIONS:

- Recent donations of 30 dish soaps for the Howard County Food Bank were contributed on Second Sunday Stock-up, and a clothing collection on Apr. 28 for the Day Resource Center is being promoted.
- On May 12 cereal will be collected for the Food Bank.

#### COMMUNICATIONS:

- Judy reminded all of the May newsletter deadline on Apr. 23.
- A paper survey on newsletter readership, evaluation of content and request for suggestions will be conducted Apr. 21 into May as the current newsletter format is almost 4 yrs. old. In May the survey will be available online.
- In honor of National Volunteer month, the Board agreed to thank all CUMC volunteers in the Apr. 24 weekly email.
- It was noted that Austin McWhirter is continuing work on the website revisions.
- The AD Board agreed to send a message of thanks and encouragement to the General Conference delegates on behalf of the congregation.

#### TREASURER & FINANCES:

- The existing CD's have yielded a slight increase in value.
- The budget amount remained stable for the first quarter with a \$394 surplus.
- Prepaid card stock has decreased, so program coordinator Delvin Daniels will routinely replenish the stock by ordering every 2 months to continue this worthwhile fundraiser.
- The budget now includes a \$500 item for 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary expenses.
- Lisa has some concern about procedures with the credit card so the Finance Committee will address them in the upcoming meeting.

#### OTHER ITEMS:

- The restructuring plan for annual conferences is a long process and has not yet affected CUMC. Progress will be closely monitored.

Rev. Angela closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: May 16 on Zoom at 7pm