

Christ United Methodist Church  
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING SUMMARY  
May 16, 2024

ATTENDING: C. Fitzgerald, K. Fitzgerald, L. Klinkenberg, P. Lindberg, F. Mueller, J. Pittman, Kevin Swanson, A. Wells

ABSENT: B. Kobayashi, B. Nicodemus, J. Rosenberger, Katie Swanson

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- The Finance Committee needs to address the Fund Balance Report for the Conference.
- Kevin F. will contact Bob to make sure that the Finance Committee meets before next month's AB meeting to finalize plans for the upcoming CD and attend to other business.
- Clara will continue to pursue the carpet replacement fund situation.

OPENING: Lee opened the meeting with prayer.

**PASTORAL REPORT:**

- Rev. Angela has spent considerable time in then last month on conferences: General Conference in Charlotte, Young Clergy Women's Conference in DC, and preparation for the annual BWC Conference.
- Rev. Angela reported that she was accepted into one of the new Queer Spirituality cohorts through the Nevertheless She Preached organization. This will offer her twice a month gatherings to nourish her own spirit and will also provide complete funding for her to attend the Nevertheless She Preached conference in September.
- Work on the Nov. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration continues.
- Reminder that CUMC and UUCC are sponsoring Flamy Grant concert June 29 at OBIC. Tickets now available online. Rev. Angela has been working on promoting the concert to the larger community.
- For June PRIDE month, we will celebrate worship with the UU's on June 2 and participate in the parade in Baltimore on Saturday June 15<sup>th</sup>; sign up for carpooling at church.
- Rev. Angela has been helping member Emily Murphy with her candidacy process to become an ordained elder. She is also pursuing Army chaplaincy and a seminary degree as well.
- CUMC was nominated for an award at annual conference that celebrates a church that went from zero professions of faith in previous year(s) to receiving new members by profession of faith. The winner of the award will be announced at annual conference.

**EDUCATION:**

- Sunday School ends May 19 for the school year. Suzanne James has offered to conduct a Summer One Room Schoolhouse for children in kindergarten thru age 13 beginning May 26.
- Tentative date for resumption of regular SS schedule is Sept.8.
- Both classrooms are reserved for '24-'25 Sunday School.

**SPRC:**

- Kevin presented the Safe Sanctuary Policy which SPRC developed. It had been distributed prior to the meeting. Judy made a motion to accept the policy; it was seconded by Lee and unanimously approved.
- The Safe Sanctuary Covenant of Conduct was reviewed and approved in conjunction with the policy. This document will be given to each staff and volunteer who interacts with CUMC children, youth, or vulnerable adults which confirms their pledge to conduct their behavior with safety.

**FINANCE:**

- Fred reported that April yielded diminished offering but that May had started better.
- Fred has contacted 6 households that have not initiated any of their pledge payments and owe more than 20% of what is due.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Kevin Fitzgerald reminded the Board that CD#1 will need to be moved or renewed with their decision at the June meeting. Kevin agreed to contact Bob to make sure that the Finance Committee meets before the June AB meeting.
- At the end of April there was an actual deficit for the year of \$761 which is an improvement over where we had projected/budgeted to be at this time of the year (at a deficit of \$3960).
- Rev. Angela pointed out that Community Ministries was omitted from the report even though they had been afforded a \$500 budget in the budget passed for 2024. She indicated that \$150 of that had been spent. Kevin F. committed to correcting the report and locating where the \$150 had been recorded so that it could be assigned to the appropriate line item.
- All other line items are intact.

#### COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENT:

- The Board had received the results of the recent newsletter survey. More than 30 responses indicated satisfaction overall, so the Newsletter Team will work on slight adjustments which were suggested.

#### OBIC JOINT TOWN HALL ANNOUNCEMENT:

- Joint coffee hour will precede the May 19 meeting which should begin at 11:30am in Sanctuary B. OBIC Board members will answer questions and present a financial report and operations status.
- FOLLOW-UP: Clara reported that the hall water fountain is now working.
- Rev. Angela closed the meeting with prayer.

NEXT MEETING: June 20 on Zoom at 7pm.