

Board Members Present [via zoom] :

Peggy Robinson – President, Robin Hill - Vice President, James Dryden – Secretary, Sid McCausland - Treasurer, Don Antrobus, Kathleen Lucich, and Kalen Saxton

Others Present : Rev. Lise Adams Sherry , Rosene Beachy, Becca Bernard, Stephanie Koonz, Megan Webb

6:31 pm A. Call to Order/Agenda/Minutes

Agenda accepted with changes.

Rev. Lise introduced Becca Bernard, our new interim minister, to everyone at the meeting. Becca will be attending board meetings during her tenure.

Stephanie Koonz, as Alliance President, informed the board that the Alliance was donating \$1000 to AUUF for the purpose of building a new storage shed or improving the existing one. Sid thanked the Alliance and will hold the donation while Building & Grounds accumulates funds for this purpose.

6:40 pm B. Consent Agenda Items

1. Approval of Minutes of the August 18th Board meeting – James

Moved by Sid, 2nd by Kathy, approved with edits in Dropbox. Passed without objection.

Megan Webb joined late – **Choir discussion**

Megan is trying to build a choir program as a hybrid where members have a little in-person and a little virtual. The individual member’s choices vary greatly. Megan feels we shouldn’t push one approach or the other too strongly. The standard protocol for in-person choir gatherings is fully vaccinated with use of masks. Proof of vaccination follows the same standards set for staff.

7:07 pm C. New Business

1. Retreat Planning - Peggy

After consultation with individuals schedules, the board retreat is set for October 23, 9am-3 or 4 pm at Mt. Vernon Commons (Peggy’s condominium meeting house). Organization of the meeting to be headed up by Peggy and Rev. Lise.

7:45 pm D. Continued Business

1. Allocation of One Time Funds - Peggy

Kalen is advising the group of the proper template.

Several board members have written opinions about use of the one-time funds discussed in the last two board meetings. Peggy, James, Kalen, and Bldg & GnDs have submitted various documents. Wray Kinard and Cindy Kinard have presented information on the endowment and the playground.

Each of the board members was asked to name the funding targets that they were inclined to support. This led to a growing consensus and some clarifications of the purpose of the endowment, our desire to spend money on causes outside the fellowship, and our process for developing the list at hand. In the end, the board dedicated a significant portion of the funds (approximately \$113,000 of the \$129,000).

Move by James, 2nd by Robin, to transfer \$37,750 to the endowment fund. **Passed 7:0**

Move by James, 2nd by Sid, to allocate \$25,000 for playground improvement. **Passed 7:0**

Move by Sid, 2nd by Kathy, to allocate \$40,000 to Building Reserve account. **Passed 7:0**
This Building Reserve (account 3244) was previously labeled Capital Improvements/Repair on the balance sheet and has a balance of approximately \$33,000. These funds will give the Bldg & Gnds Committee funds to manage the many mentioned projects. Any of these projects requiring expenditure of greater than \$2,000 would be presented to the board for approval in the future.

Move by Don, 2nd by Sid, to allocate \$10,000 for a principal payment on the Phase I construction loan. **Passed 7:0**

By consensus, the allocation of the remaining approximately \$16,250 of the one-time funds can be taken up at a later time. There was discussion that we should not only consider spending all these funds on our own needs but expand our thoughts to include external social justice causes. Several possible external funding targets such as Afghan refugees or Houseless causes were mentioned.

Additionally, there is approximately \$3000 remaining in the Capital Campaign Fund from 2016. Allocation of these funds can also be taken up at a later meeting.

8:50 pm Staff and Committee/Team Reports in Dropbox - Discussion

All reports were all accepted as filed.

Move by Sid, 2nd by Robin, to enter executive session for the personnel discussion. **Passed** without objection.

Exited executive session without objection.

9:08 pm Adjourned by Chair w/o objection

Next Meetings:

Program Council, September 28th, 6:00-8:00PM

Agenda Setting, October 14, 5:30-6:00pm

Board Meeting, October 20, 6:30-8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by James Dryden, Secretary