

Central Board Meeting, Wednesday November 15, 2023

Present: Dale Earl, Lauren Noonan, Peggie Morris, Nancy Koch, Peg Round, Joyce Moser (Moderator), and Doug Marquart. Absent: Jack Terrill

Dale offered an opening prayer at 7:00pm.

Minutes of 18 October 2023 CB Meeting were moved for approval by Peggie, second from Lauren, and unanimously approved.

Search Team/Plans for Candidate Sunday Nov 26 – Dale reported an adhoc account of attendees for Rev. Adam Isbitsky candidate preaching service November 26 should give us a quorum. Search Team is arranging for refreshments from Henry's after church that morning, and they are also hoping to host Rev Adam for dinner in early December to spend a little more time together, assuming an open date can be determined. Assuming an affirmative vote, his first day at Second Church would be Monday Jan 22 2024 and his first Sunday leading worship would be Jan 28.

Pulpit Supply/Streaming on Zoom – Dale shared that our schedule is set with Rev. Judy Arnold through January 21, 2024. That includes a regular Sunday Service on December 24 at 9:30am and our traditional Family Christmas Eve Service at 4:00pm as well, with a snow date service of December 31 if December 24 is canceled. There will be no service Dec 25, and only Dec 31 if the 24th morning service is cancelled due to weather. We are not planning on Blue Service this year, but Dale plans to talk with Rev Judy to see about coordinating attending First Baptist's Blue Service if they have one, and communicating the opportunity for anyone wishing to attend via the SCC Weekly E-news.

We still don't have a person lined up to stream and record the Zoom broadcast. Dale has spoken to an adult at BHS regarding a high school student candidate, and also a recently retired employee from BevCam. David Brandt will man the Zoom broadcast for Nov 26 Candidate Sunday service and the congregational meeting afterward.

Legacy Team Update - Dale: The Legacy Team met via Zoom with Liz Reinhardt & Co (primary lawyers-LR&C) and Meredith Fine (real estate lawyer). It was our first full meeting with Ms. Fine, who had lots of good inputs and questions. She believes because of zoning and permitting questions, we need to undertake a more deliberate review of each, and identify the best approach to accomplish the congregation's wishes. Since the prior discussion with Ms Fine was limited to executing a P&S agreement, we will need a more detailed engagement letter to agree on the tasks Second Church wishes to undertake with her. After that, the Legacy Team can authorize LR&C, Ms. Fine and Lifebridge's lawyer to work toward a further refinement of the agreement which may include a Promissory Note to accomplish some of the terms in the draft LOI.

Finance – Dale reported that so far, Jan has received responses from 25 pledging families, with another 14 from last year that we are hopeful will respond. A reminder email to each asking for a commitment by November 26 will be sent, with a plan to publish a draft 2024 budget by 12/3, ahead of the 12/17 Congregational budget meeting and vote.

SNEUCC has asked for an estimate of our support to them for 2024, so they can create their own budget. Dale has also received material indicating that the National UCC organization is hoping to mobilize a larger effort to speak out and act to address racial justice. The suggestion for a church our size is \$3000 over 3 years, which will be debated at the next Finance Meeting/or via email as we get the draft 2024 budget together.

Worship Team - Nancy shared that she and Suzanne Monroe are meeting the weekend after Thanksgiving to decorate the church for the Advent Season. MJC will collect signups and money to order poinsettias, which can either be taken after the Christmas Eve service or donated to SCC shut-ins.

Property Team – relayed from Jack:

- Rollers on the lift are worn and need to be replaced. The parts are covered by warranty, but we will need to pay the associated labor expenses.
- The old wooden tables have been taken away by The Junk Man; waiting for Family Promise NSB to remove the dividers or have them scrapped out too.
- NSCS asked to extend beyond 31 Dec 2024; SCC declined as we need to make sure the building can be turned over without active tenant licenses/leases in place

Mission/Social Action – Doug went through a brief summary of his research into the Mission Fund from 1991 to present. Slides were sent via email and as an attachment to these minutes. Key points:

- The Mission Fund was chartered in Spring 1993,
- It was created “...as an endowment fund whose special purpose is to enhance the mission outreach of the church beyond that which is provided for by the Annual Operating budget of the church...”
- “..income generated by the fund will accumulate until the fund has reached a level of \$10,000...”
- “..An annual distribution...may be determined by the Mission(ary) Committee (now Team).”

The Mission and Social Action Team notified the CB of their intent to spend \$9000 from the Mission Fund during 2023. They also plan to provide a Thanksgiving Meal for Recovery High Monday November 20.

Tech Team (Dale): Dale shared that the Finance Team has approved approx. \$930 from the Vision 300 Fund to buy a splitter to allow the operator to listen and monitor to the feed broadcast via Zoom and FB Live.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm. The next Central Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 20th at 7:00 pm. The plan will be to circulate any information the Central Board needs before the December 17th Annual Budget Meeting via email, as needed.