

Second Congregational Central Board – December 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present: Dale Earl, Jack Terrill, Lauren Swiniuch, Joyce Mosher, Peg Round, Doug Marquart, Nancy Koch, and Rev Lisa Stedman. Kathy Taylor has not been replaced on the CB since her resignation became effective.

Meeting notice was posted in the December Spire and Weekly E-news, as well as announced at Sunday services.

Rev Lisa opened the meeting with a prayer at 6:30pm.

Minutes

November 15 meeting minutes – Acceptance moved by Jack seconded by Peg. Approved unanimously.

Pastoral topic update from Rev Lisa –

- Lisa reported we are in good shape for the rest of Advent, Christmas Eve (4pm Family Service) and Sundays through mid-January, including music plans. She reminded us of the joint Longest Night/Blue Christmas Service to be held at First Baptist on Cabot St December 21.
- Music staff is settling in. Lisa is seeing Josh, Sarah and Marshunda communicating among themselves and with choir, bells etc and is happy with the progress.
- Lisa is having regular correspondence with Charlie Kuchenbrod, the SNE-UCC Legacy Church consultant, primarily forwarding him background like Jack's Spire item; expecting more comms after our December 18 meeting.
- Lisa shared Wendy's Aunt died over Sunday Night. We will keep Wendy's family in our prayers.

December 11 Budget Forward Chat Discussion Review – the Central Board was generally surprised with the relatively few number of questions and comments. Glad Ruth Moran had us clarify Mary Jane's cut in work hours starting in January. Also explained why we've not yet had to draw on funds for the 2022 Budget Balancer line and why we now project our deficit balancer will be between \$20-\$50K vs \$99K projected October 2021. Lauren shared that after the meeting she was approached with a member who thought perhaps it was time for younger folks to take a turn in leadership, which may come out at the December 18 Congregational Meeting.

Tech Item – Rev Lisa, Claire and David will be working on standardizing the instructions with the computer, sound board and switches to insure microphone volume picks up for both the sanctuary and on Zoom. Lisa will address with David ahead of the December 18 meeting, and reminded all speakers to keep the hand held microphones close and project.

Pastoral Search Team: Rev Lisa held a Zoom meeting to explain the search process for a defined term pastor, and even some not volunteering attended out of curiosity. Dale moved we task the 6 volunteers to be on the Search Team:

- David Brandt, David Boynton, Lauren Noonan, Donna Kendall, Gail Goodell and Cheri Marquart
- Jack seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved

Lisa re-confirmed all were interested and will organize a kickoff meeting in early January.

Active/Inactive Member Count – Dale reviewed that our Active member count after our last meeting was 94, and discussed several in attendance and supporting via pledging or donations. **Dec 14 add** - After checking with MJC, they confirmed several not on the Active list were "friends" and never became

members, so we have had 1 new member, Gail Pease, for a total of 95. For the December 18 meeting, we will need 15 Active Members for a quorum. A majority is needed to pass a budget and the motion to empower a Building Legacy Team.

Building Legacy Team: no action, awaiting December 18 vote.

Finance Committee (Dale): Dale reported 47 pledging units including members and friends. No December meeting after proposed budget submitted.

Property Committee (Jack) –

- There is a leak on the 2nd floor, near where a water bubbler was previously installed, and is now capped. Appears the pipe is compromised; plumber to be onsite Friday afternoon (NSCS has early release) as it requires the building water to be shutoff to properly repair.
- Industrial Appraisal – Jack received the draft appraisal and submitted edits, omissions like signs and corrections for the final report. They estimate the current replacement value as \$9.7MM, comprised of \$6.4MM cash value and \$3.3MM contents. The 2013 annually amended appraisal is \$9.1MM, so this does capture an increase. Jack will share with our insurance company in January after he receives the final report
- New project-Kitchen/Upper Parish Hall rear door replacement - The subject door is very rusted and doesn't close easily. Jack got an initial estimate from Home Depot that ballparked it at \$2000, and moved CB authorized. Peg seconded, and CB approved/authorized the Property Team to seek bids to replace.

Mission/Social Action (Jack/Peg) –Boy Scouts will be delivering the Thanksgiving Food donations M/SA organized to Bootstraps this week. Peg also reported that St. Peters' meals will be moving inside this month for the first time since March 2020. Peg has largely covered the 5th Friday meals on behalf of Second Church for most of the last 39 years.

Next meeting will be January 17th, 2023, unless an unexpected outcome from the Budget Meeting necessitates meeting before that.

Closing prayer by Lisa, and meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.