

**TUMC Board Meeting Minutes
November 22, 2021**

Present: John Lester, LaVonne Meyer, Shannon Jones, Suzanne Fischer, Russ Petry, Tex Sample, Ed Kail, Blaine Proctor, Margie Richcreek, Dick Nelson, Susan Grotewold

Absent: Marsha Smith, Jeff Stevens, Greg Houston

Guests: Tim Foschi, Matt Brown

Meeting began with a prayer from Tex Sample.

REPORTS

Treasurer Report- Russ Petry

Edward Jones	\$111,877
US Bank checking account	\$ 20,458

Russ took the board members through the financial statement for October that Chair Shannon Jones sent as an attachment to all board members. He explained that the \$45,000 in the designated fund was a third of Trinity's assets, but it can only be used for what it is designated until it is used up. At the beginning of 2022, there will be no more designated funds.

Russ also reported that Trinity needs to raise \$29,000 by the end of 2021. He says inflation is already playing a part in this budget deficit.

A board member asked if there will be a Christmas offering this year and could that offering go towards the \$29,000 deficit?

Russ will take square footage measurements of the building so that the church can charge groups for maintenance and utilities more fairly, even retroactively. Those payments could also be put towards the reduction of the deficit.

Tex Sample added that he would put the Pastor's discretionary fund toward the reduction.

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Chair Update: (these notes are in addition to the Chair Report attachment Shannon sent the board

Last of tuckpointing is costing \$4,000 and will be completed this month.

Alex McCombs and Roger Taylor will do a majority of the work for the insurance company's Loss control Audit. Shannon has a call into Shawn regarding plaster work. And an asphalt company will have to be called to pave around the west and east side of the building. Work must be completed by March 2022.

Brogan is waiting on a lead paint report for the Bell Tower. Matt Brown offered to help find contractors that work with his store.

Justice Task Force-Margie Richcreek

Margie reported that KC Tenants has given us a petition to sign requesting the City Council approve the statement that all renters coming before the court will have access to legal representation. Margie also said that Tim Foschi has joined the Trinity Justice Task Force.

Food Ministry & Pantry-Marsha Smith

Although Marsha was unable to be at the meeting, she relayed that the Thanksgiving carry out on Monday went well.

Music Fund Budget Proposal (provided by Tex Sample)

At a meeting on November 11 the Music Committee developed a budget proposal for the financial year of 2022. The consensus growing out of the meeting is as follows:

The Music Committee proposes a budget of \$4000 per year for its work. The amount of money given each year by the Rutledge-Stevens Fund will become part of the Music Committee budget, roughly \$1800 per year. In addition, Trinity church will provide \$2200 to this budget for a total of \$4000. It is understood that any expenditures of the monies from the Rutledge-Stevens Fund will be consistent with the legal restrictions of this account and the guidelines provided for them. In accord with this understanding expenditures from this fund will not require action on each payment from the fund.

Meanwhile, the amount of money presently in the Rutledge-Stevens fund will be invested so that it can grow over the remaining years the church will receive the donations to the fund. This annual donation to the Music Fund by the Rutledge-Stevens Fund ends in 2027.

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The board voted to accept the proposal.

LGBTQIA+ Affinity Group-Suzanne Fischer

Suzanne reported that the group has met twice coming up with ideas to help Safe Haven and to make Trinity more Queer friendly, e.g. designating a bathroom non-gender. Teresa Dilley volunteered to have the signs made. The group is also beginning to develop a topic for a February Huddle.

Young Adult Ministry-Tim Foschi

Tim reported that he and Matt Brown are going to TAPS on Main every other week using their sign to get the attention of customers.

Maryallison Joseph, Matt, Tex and Tim finished the church Planting Academy.

Tim and Matt are developing a Hospitality committee which includes Margie Richcreek, Dallas and Donna Ziegenhorn and Clay Marcusen. A Young Adult Listening and Caring Skills workshop will take

place December 8. We want to get the word out that “we are the best kept secret in the Kansas City area. And we want to be able to answer the question: How do we get people to stay?

NEW BUSINESS

Shannon Jones opened up a conversation about weddings at Trinity and if there is a need for a wedding coordinator. One criticism of Trinity’s wedding policy was that it was too strict. Blaine Proctor had had experience with weddings and said it was better to be more strict than less. The cost of a wedding at Trinity according to the handbook was \$1150 for members and \$2050 for non-members. Blaine said this was a competitive price for the Kansa City area.

A suggestion was made to be prepared when we start opening up Trinity for weddings.

Tex Sample asked for feedback about marrying a couple free of charge with no money and no guests. The consensus was to approve.

The next Trinity Board Meeting will be December 27, 2021 @ 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned.