

TUMC Board Minutes
March 28, 2022

Present: Shannon Jones, Suzanne Fischer, Marsha Smith, Tex Sample, Rudy Breland, LaVonne Meyer, Ed Kail, Karen Mitchell, Russ Petry, Susan Grotewold, Dick Nelson, Margie Richcreek

Absent: John Lester, Jeff Stevens, Blaine Proctor

Guests: Mary Allison Joseph, Matt Brown

Shannon Jones called the meeting to order and asked Tex Sample to say a prayer.

REPORTS

Treasurer Russ Petry took us through the February financial statement proclaiming it healthy. He also reported that all funds from Edward Jones have been transferred to Charles Schwab as well as a percentage of the US Bank checking account.

Charles Schwab	\$177,039
US Bank	\$ 12,159

LaVonne Meyer asked if online donations take designated money. Mary Allison Joseph answered by saying online does not have that feature. Also, the envelopes in the pews have been prepared to allow for only general fund giving.

Chair Update

- TT March 6, David Gilmore, district superintendent, announced Tex Sample's retirement and Tino Herrera's appointment to Trinity. The party-planning committee will organize a good-bye party for Tex and Peggy, Sunday, June 26th and a welcoming picnic for Tino and his family on Sunday, July 3rd.
- TT The LGBTQIA+ Affinity group hosted a pizza party after church on March 6 for Pride Haven guests and Trinity members and other guests.
- TT Rebecca Stevens and Robert Rowlett have interviewed all responding musicians.
- TT The Queer Huddle went very well with CEO of Save, Inc., Blaine Proctor and Pride Haven manager, Scout Desimio providing the group with heartfelt videos and relevant information. Blaine will be guest pastor Sunday, June 19th to talk more about homeless queer youth.
- TT Training for our Community Care group was postponed due to illness of the trainer.
- TT Bradley's Paving has patched holes in the alleyway and the parking lot.
- TT Bell Tower repair bid was \$48,000 including removal of lead paint. Matt Brown will get more referrals where, hopefully, the bid will be doable.
- TT The leak in the roof, was found by and repaired by Roger Taylor and Alex McComb risking life and limb to climb on the roof to replace two tiles and patch areas.
- TT Shannon had Mary Allison talk about the new, online directory free to churches. After testing the program, the directory which is data secured, will be made available this week. Matt and Mary Allison will be available Sundays to help register and input data.

Justice Task Force Margie Richcreek had an email from MA suggesting Nomachot Adiang, of Missouri Healthcare for All, share her presentation about bills being considered by the MO legislature

that would weaken the initiative petition process. This issue is being addressed by Trinity's community partners and Nomachot has agreed to speak with our task force at our meeting on April 4, so we'll be better informed.

.VOTE411.org informative flyers addressing the municipal elections, April 5th are on the table at the entryway.

Food Ministry & Pantry Marsha Smith reported good news that the Monday lunch crew is planning to open the doors for in-person dining, May 1st. Harvester's has been low on meats, probably due to the cost, so Marsha said they were making due with pastas a lot of the time. The Drummonds bring in baked goods.

Young Adult Ministry Matt Brown reports he has been upgrading the technology to allow for live streaming on Facebook. He also said more people are liking Trinity's Facebook page.

Old Business LaVonne Meyer reported that at the February Hyde Park meeting someone said they were concerned about auto repairs happening in the church parking lot. So far, no Trinity employee or member has seen this happening.

Tex's Take

1. A variety of programs have been booked for the next several months:
 - a. Blaine Proctor will be guest pastor in June
 - b. District Superintendent, David Gilmore, will be with us in May
 - c. The Sunday after Easter, Trinity will host a panel of guests including Rae Daniel, reporter for KSHB, Channel 41(seen at 5,6 &7 AM), Brent Lager, founder and president of Uncover KC and Samara Herrera our future pastor's wife who works for a non-profit within Kansas City Public Schools They will speak on Outreach.
2. St. Paul's School of Theology asks churches to give a contribution of \$1,000 yearly. Tex would like the Board to consider this donation at next month's meeting. It would make Trinity a St. Paul Council member. The school is hoping to be able to provide a full-ride scholarship to each student.

A question was brought up about how would it look if Trinity gave this money to St. Paul's when the district is subsidizing our next pastor. A solution might be to have Board members give individually and then open it up to the membership.

Matt Brown stated that according to the district, if a student donates to a church, it will be matched three-fold by the conference. MA will send an email out to the congregation regarding donating \$1,000 to St. Paul's.

New Business A Board member asked about giving to UMCOR for helping Ukraine. Mary Allison said that you can write a check to Trinity putting UMCOR/Ukraine on the memo line. The district likes to know what other non- profits the church gives to. Tex will include this information in his next Text from Tex.

Meeting adjourned.

