

TUMC Board Minutes  
May 23, 2022

Present: Jeff Stevens, Shannon Jones, Suzanne Fischer, John Lester, Russ Petry, Dick Nelson, Tex Sample, Blaine Proctor, Rudy Breland, LaVonne Meyer, Marsha Smith, Margie Richcreek, Karen Mitchell

Absent: Ed Kail, Greg Houston, Susan Grotewold

Guests: Matt Brown, Mary Allison Joseph, Rev. Tino Herrera

Shannon Jones opened the meeting by asking Tex Sample to pray us in.

REPORTS

**Treasurer Russ Petry** reminded us that our finances are healthy with assets at \$188,053.31.

April 2022 Financial Statements

Charles Schwab	\$162,433
US Bank	\$ 23,380

LaVonne Meyer asked about the number of parking lot rentals being used. Mary Allison explained we have 2 rentals with the possibility of 2-10 more. A suggestion was made to raise the rental rate from \$40.00 to \$50.00/month. LaVonne, who had been on the parking lot committee, said that when rates were researched, MAC parking rates were not unreasonable. Marsha Smith suggested that we wait to increase the rate until gas prices go down.

**Chair Shannon Jones Reports:**

Insurance carrier, Grinnell, will be increasing our premiums after recalculating value of the building, primarily the pipe organ that has been increased to \$1.3 M. The increase will be from \$13,138 to \$15,994.

Due to the generosity of an anonymous donor, we will not have to take out a loan to complete the bell tower repair. Thunder Abatement will start the work in the next couple of months. Roger Taylor is the contact person for Trinity. The remaining amount in the Capital Campaign (\$17,000) will go towards the Bell Tower.

Jeff Stevens is helping to update our password policy. Best practices states that TUMC should always be able to sign in to LastPass admin account. Margie Richcreek made the motion to have printed codes in a safe or a safe deposit box, to be accessed by both the Admin Board Chair and the Treasurer in an emergency. Rudy Breland seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Russ Petry is working on routine maintenance of the HVAC systems and for that we thank you, Russ.

Two successful Onboarding sessions took place May 21 and 22 with 28 Trinitarians participating. These sessions were to help Trinity get to know our new pastor, Tino Herrera and for him to get to know us.

The LGBTQIA+ group will lead a four-week book study in June on The Savvy Ally by Jeannie Gainsberg.

Matt Brown is refreshing Trinity's outdoor sign with new Pride colors.

Brent Lager and Samara Herrera led an Outreach Planning session with a follow-up forthcoming.

Plans continue for Tex's Farewell Party June 26 and Tino's Welcoming Picnic on July 3.

Roger Taylor and Amy Christianson will become board members on July 1, 2022. A suggestion was made to reinstitute the Nominating Committee. Margie Richcreek said she would consider volunteering for that committee.

**Justice Task Force Chair Margie Richcreek** reported that the upcoming elections will be the focus of the group, especially voter registration. The next JTF meeting will be the first Monday in June. Margie asked Tino if we would still be having Huddles and invited him to talk about it at the next meeting.

**Marsha Smith** gave the report regarding the **Food Ministry and Pantry**. With the return of COVID, indoor dining's starting date has been pushed back to possibly July. The family from Raymore continues to volunteer and donate. Heather Jackson will be bringing a youth group back to work in the feeding program in October.

Marsha happily reported that they passed Harvester's review.

When asked how many dinners are sent to Pride Haven on Mondays, Marsha answered 20-25.

**Matt Brown** with Trinity's **Young Adult Ministry** says he and Mary Allison are working on a proposal for a website and on the Hospitality Team development.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Karen Mitchell asked if the board might consider meeting in person, possibly after church. She felt there was more synergy produced in a face to face gathering. Some said that Zooming is more convenient and efficient. Matt Brown commented that if we had in-person for some and Zoom for others, the Zoomers would miss out unless the right equipment was available. A majority of board members preferred Zooming.

#### TEX'S TAKE

Tex expressed his gratitude to the board and especially to Shannon for all that she does for Trinity.

Tex will be performing 3 wedding ceremonies within a month's time:

Kathleen Danforth and Karen Sharpe

Chris Stevens and Amanda

Ben Patterson and his fiancé

Tex informed the group that he and Peggy are celebrating 65 years of marriage on May 25!

Next meeting will be June 27, 2022.

Meeting adjourned.

