

TUMC Board Minutes  
December 4, 2022

Present: Blaine Proctor, Amy Christianson, Margie Richcreek, Tiago Donato, Roger Taylor, Ed Kail, Rudy Breland, Suzanne Fischer, Susan Grotewold, Karen Mitchell, Tino Herrera, Antonio Byrd, LaVonne Meyer

Guests: Mary Allison Joseph, Danny Miller, Avis Morton

Chairperson Roger Taylor opened the meeting and asked Pastor Tino to lead with prayer.

Trinity UMC **Financial Report** October 2022 by Russ Petry

Balance Sheet:

Cash Balance as of October 31 is \$161,694.83; of that \$63,134.27 have donor restrictions.

Current payroll taxes are the only liabilities.

Income Statement:

Revenue year to date through October is \$188,995.34, \$30k better than budgeted.

Overall expense are \$168,188.12, which is \$3,270 over budget to date. The main reason for this is the repairs to the bell tower and various other repairs that have been done to the building and mechanicals this year.

The net balance still shows a YTD surplus of \$20,807.22

One note I might mention is the other income/expense line below, which is where the unrealized loss on investments is booked. Unrealized means that these investments have not been liquidated, so the outcome is not realized unless we were to sell those investments into cash. While this is there, the investment market has been very volatile this year, more so than usual. Our investments are hopefully in there for the long haul, so this should eventually correct itself.

**Trustee Report** by Roger Taylor

- Metro Air has removed the fellowship hall air handler motor to have it rebuilt. It will be reinstalled when it is fixed.
- Bell tower work continues by Thunder Abatement. They say it will be completed by Christmas.
- Southwest wall of the sanctuary balcony has been repaired and repainted.
- Southwest stairwell has had plaster repaired and the carpet cleaned but walls still need to be painted.
- Parlor thermostat has been replaced.
- Church chimes will be ringing soon.

**Justice Task Force Report** by Margie Richcreek

- Through JTF relationships with others in the Troost Alliance, Trinity is partnering with KC Welcome Alliance made up of congregations of several faiths. David Johnson and Dallas have been our liaisons with this group and coordinating Trinity's efforts to provide shoes for 56 men, women, and children immigrants arriving by bus from the southern border on Dec 13. It is expected they will be in KC for 48-72 hours. Beginning on Nov 27, the people of Trinity have donated over \$1600 for purchasing shoes and socks for these families. On Dec 4, there will be more details of the many opportunities for

everyone to volunteer on Dec 13-15ish.

- The JTF will shift our focus from electing officials to communicating with the MO Legislature which convenes in January. We will be considering policy changes of interest and concern and collaborating with our community partners as we all advocate and educate legislators AND the public.
- Municipal elections will be held in spring - school boards and city councils will be of prime importance. JTF will provide voter education materials.
- When JTF meets on zoom at 7-8PM on Mon, Dec 4, the above items will be on our agenda as well as updates from our community partners: Jobs with Justice, KC Tenants, Stand Up KC, MORE2 and AIRR.

Report by Margie Richcreek

**Board meetings** will regularly be scheduled for noon on the fourth Sundays of every month.

### **Matt Brown Update**

Matt's meeting with Trinity has been pushed back to possibly May. Tino will continue to work with Matt, but he has also asked retired pastor Lee Johnson to be his mentor/coach.

### **Stewardship Update and Financial Policies** by Mary Allison Joseph

The campaign is in good shape, explained Mary Allison Joseph.

2023 Commitment Campaign

Results as of Dec. 1, 2022

The Big Picture

- We have received 33 pledges totaling \$111,600. • Our fundraising goal for next year is \$187,207.

Unpledged General Plate Offering

- January - October 2022 = \$35,980.66
- 2021 = \$51,473.77

A Close Up

Our 2023 pledges to date include

- 11 first-time pledgers at Trinity
- 2 households that didn't pledge for 2022
- 9 pledgers who increased their pledge from 2022

Compared to 2022

- 33 pledges totaling \$125,084
- We lost five pledgers since last year, and their pledges totaled \$39,160.
- We also received a \$12,000 anonymous pledge last year, and it is uncertain if it will be renewed for this year.

What's Still Possible

- There are 8 households who pledged in 2022 who may still pledge in 2023.
- We have a handful of folks who do not pledge but have recurring donations.
- Total possible pledges from these groups would total approximately \$20,000.

A recommendation was made to raise custodian wages. Blaine Proctor moved to raise the janitorial rate to \$18.00/hour. This was seconded by Amy Christianson. The motion unanimously passed.

### **Budget Talk and Approval**

The United Methodist Church is merging the annual and district apportionments.

When money in restricted Trinity accounts dries up, a line item will be created.

Blaine Proctor moved to approve the fiscal 2023 budget. Rudy Breland seconded the motion, and the board voted its approval unanimously.

### **Vision Team**

Pastor Tino talked about the Visioning Team that is being created and will launch in January. The commitment timeframe would be once a month for 1<sup>1/2</sup> - 2 hours. Tino asked that if you are interested, let him know by the end of this week.

### **Cohort Possibility with MO Conference**

Mark Sheets from the Annual Conference invited Trinity to become a member of this group. After Tino explained the commitment that our church would have if Trinity joined, Susan Grotewold suggested that Trinity needs to focus its energy envisioning our church for now. Susan Grotewold moved that Trinity not join the Cohort this year. Margie Richcreek seconded the motion. Unanimously, the board approved the motion.

### **Recapping the Year**

Pastor Tino asked the board what they would celebrate for 2022:

Fish fry

3 great pastors Kyle Hern, Tex Sample and now Tino Herrera who has followed Tex well

More people in the pews

MA and others making announcements

Immigration bus

Day of the Dead

Getting the worship service right

Greeting each other

Full-time pastor

Suzanne Fischer asked if the staff could take another look at using Zoom instead of Google because of technical problems.

Rudy Breland asked how church members can become board members? Tino said that member could talk with him.

**Christmas Party at Roger and Tim's on Thursday, December 8 at 5:30 PM.**

**Next board meeting will be Sunday, January 22, 2023, at noon in Fellowship Hall.**

