

TUMC Board Minutes
February 26, 2023

Present: Margie Richcreek, Tiago Donato, Karen Mitchell, Rudy Breland, LaVonne Meyer, Antonio Byrd, Blaine Proctor, Amy Christensen, Suzanne Fischer, Tino Herrera

Absent: Roger Taylor, Susan Grotewold, Ed Kail

Pastor Tino gave an opening prayer and then in a devotional exercise asked us to name someone we know that we think of as a leader and why.

Blaine Proctor subbed for Roger Taylor as Board Chair

BUSINESS

Financial Summary Report of January 2023 Financials, Amy Christensen

Cash Total – \$143,817.40

Restricted Funds – \$92,575.65

Unrestricted Funds – \$14,3817.40

Income Statement Summary

Total Revenue to date – \$21,878

Total Expenses – \$13,342

Net Surplus - \$8536

Other notes/comments

“I participated in a Zoom call on Jan 26th with a representative from the Missouri United Methodist Foundation regarding Finance Committee Orientation. It was a great learning opportunity and highlighted the need for TUMC to look at creating our own Finance Committee. TUMC is already doing a great job of financial stewardship, but I think this would help us cultivate a “healthy theology” for finances and make sure our finances align with our mission.

To that end, I will work with church leadership over the coming months on what that may look like. I also have a list of financial policies that I hope to create just to help us clarify roles and responsibilities. So, there is lots to do, stay tuned. I appreciate any comments/questions or other input. Thanks everyone.”

Board members agreed that a finance committee was needed especially for creating documentation trail. A suggestion was made that the committee be made up of individuals in the congregation with the treasurer being the liaison to the Board. Amy said she will reach out to the webinar presenter to learn more.

Trustee Report, Roger Taylor

“The air conditioning blower motor for the fellowship hall has now been replaced. The air conditioning in the basement should be ready to go for the summer.

The air compressor motor that controls the individual thermostats was replaced last week but then the compressor was still not working properly. Russ contacted Metro Air and they are to look at it this week. Hopefully by the weekend the thermostats will all be working again.”

Justice Task Force Report, Margie Richcreek

-JTF is focusing on important elections and the current legislative sessions in Kansas and Missouri

- Providing voter info on the mobile “voter education station” - municipal and school board elections are on April 4, 2023 - deadline to update voter registration is March 8 - KS does not have any elections at this time

-Informing and encouraging everyone to communicate with their KS and MO Representatives and Senators about issues of concern - a focus in MO is legislation restricting the 100-year-old policies for initiative petitions - a focus in KS is payday loan reform

-Joining our community partner, KC Tenants, in their recent successful efforts to thwart Mac Properties’ efforts to receive tax abatements for their development at Main and Armour

-Participating in community partner, MORE2, annual public meeting - will share info about opportunities for action with Trinity folks

-Participating in monthly meeting of community partner, Stand Up KC Allies - will share as above

-Troost Alliance, community partner, is undergoing reorganization with the retirement of Jackson County Legislator Scott Burnett who has led the group - Ben Babaran of St James Catholic Church is the current leader

Board Meeting Day/Time:

Because Pastor Tino will be out of town on the fourth Sunday in March, the board will meet Sunday, March 19 at noon in Fellowship Hall.

OLD BUSINESS

-Blaine Proctor updated the board on the Vision team’s 2nd Co-hort meeting. He stated that this work could take people out of their comfort zone. The team was given homework to do a Trinity calendar

audit which took place last Tuesday, February 21. The goal was to decide which activities were growth oriented or maintenance oriented. The calendar was sparse and a suggestion was made to look back at the last twelve months for a better picture of Trinity. Margie Richcreek suggested that activities with our community partners should be included in the calendar. Thursday, March 2 will be the first coaching session, held at SAVE, Inc at 6:00pm.

NEW BUSINESS

-Pastor Tino Herrera reminded the board that the Annual Conference will be held in St. Charles, Missouri, June 9-11. He would like to have 3-5 people from Trinity attend. Gas, registration and lodging would be paid for.

Karen Mitchell asked if legislation was needed to take to the conference. Tino asked Karen if she would chair a task force to develop legislation. She agreed.

-Karen Mitchell relayed to the board that a youth church group from Wichita was going to be staying at the church June 25-28 to do mission work. The group wanted to know how we would charge them. The board agreed a donation would be fine. Also, LaVonne Meyer suggested that Trinity might send the group off with a breakfast or snack pack.

Tiago Donato made the motion to adjourn with a second from Rudy Breland. The vote was unanimous to adjourn.

Suzanne Fischer, recording secretary