

United Church of Christ Congregational
Executive Board Meeting
December 17, 2023

Present: Katie Bauer, Geoff O'Meara, Ben Crosby, Jenniffer Carrico, Jeremy Bullen and Lou Larson.

Minutes of November meeting were corrected and approved.

Business item:

We will make a \$200 donation to the Christian Aid Fund which is administered by the County Clerk's Office. This is a one-time donation now. We will monitor how the funds are dispersed and our donation could change in the future.

Treasurer's Report:

1. Our income is stable and expenses are low. Special gifts were made for recent upgrades. \$1000 was donated to the Wallace Food Bank from our Emergency Aid Fund.
2. Ben, Katie Bauer and Jeremy have been upgrading the church website. Ben presented a screen preview of it to the board. With few changes and very useful information, the new site work was approved. Katie will continue to update the website with input from others as well.
3. Ben displayed a sample of the black hardware to be used on the new extension of the balcony rail. Board approved the choice.
4. We received an Annual Report packet from Ben to create and assemble documents for the January 28th Annual Congregation Meeting.

Pastor's Report:

1. Jeremy and Katie Bullen delivered over 200 December postcards to the community to inform everyone about church and community events to attend during the Christmas time.
2. Jeremy opened the on-going discussion on the revision of the current covenant, comparing covenants from previous years to the one in our constitution now. No decisions were made. More discussion to follow.
3. Jeremy presented a five-page paper he wrote regarding the Open and Affirming (ONA) movement in churches. This is a "growing family of LGBTQ welcoming churches." No detailed discussion occurred since the Board needs time to read his paper and discuss the issues. It is a topic for us to be aware of and we will visit it again.

4. Church maintenance – A water leak is occurring somewhere, leaving a puddle on the kitchen floor. It is being investigated. The old chimney area is suspect.

Our next board meeting will be on January 7 following the morning service.

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lou Larson, Clerk