United Church of Christ Congregational Executive Board Meeting June 9, 2024

Benjamin Crosby, serving as temporary Convener, called the meeting to order. Katie Bauer, Gail Carlson, Ben Crosby and Geoff O'Meara (via video conference) were present along with Alice Ling, our "Interim" Pastor.

Alice opened the meeting with prayer.

The agenda was approved as presented with an acknowledgment that we talk later in the meeting about Gail's music concerns and Ben's concern that we address the disposition of the electronic organ in the chancel.

Minutes for the May 19, 2024 Executive Board meeting were approved as presented.

The Board agreed that in terms of online Board approvals, a majority of the Board concurring regarding an issue constitutes a positive decision and that individual Board members need to take responsibility to register any dissenting opinions they might have.

Alice offered an update regarding supply pastor arrangements.

There was extended conversation about music in worship. Should it be traditional? Praise? Geoff offered to explore some live options when he returns later in June. It was agreed that this is an issue we need to continue addressing.

The Board reviewed and accepted the Financial Statement for May, noting that we ended the month in the positive.

There was consensus that we should move forward with the installation of a digital smart lock on the front door of the church at a cost of \$117. Ben agreed to order the parts and install them.

After considerable discussion about the three electric kitchen ranges the church owns (aged 2013, 2013 & 2011, respectively), the Board agreed that we should pursue whatever repairs are necessary to serve our needs. Geoff agreed to take the lead on the project.

Ben reported that Bridal Room construction is largely complete. Geoff and/or Ben agreed to finish the work.

There was discussion about how to address the wrinkled sanctuary drapes. After exploring several options, Gail agreed to take the lead to try steaming them.

Ben reported that there is a key in the office for the rooms being used by the Wallace Christmas Fund in the basement.

Gail moved and Katie seconded a motion designating Benjamin C.L. Crosby as Moderator & Treasurer, Katie Bauer as Clerk and Gail Carlson, Geoff O'Meara & Christi Thielman as Directors of the Executive Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Katie made and Gail seconded a motion authorizing Benjamin C.L. Crosby to serve as signatory for the Corinthians Circle accounts(s) at Wells Fargo Bank. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Church Use Policies & Guideline and approved them as presented with minor adjustments to be made to acknowledge our new digital smart lock. Ben will make those adjustments and present them for final review along with these minutes.

The Board set July 7 for the next Executive Board meeting.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Ben Crosby