

**United Church of Christ Congregational
Executive Board Meeting
April 14, 2024**

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

After a time of catch-up and reflection, Alice opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board acknowledged with sadness the absence of both Jenniffer Carrico and Lou Larson. Ben shared that Lou had resigned her position as Clerk a few days after the last Board meeting. There was general agreement that the Board would not rush in to seeking replacements.

Ben agreed to record the minutes with Christi keeping careful notes.

Minutes for the Annual Meeting, January 28, 2024, the Executive Board meeting March 3, 2024 and the Executive Board meeting March 17, 2024 were approved as presented. Ben agreed to post them on the bulletin board.

Alice offered remarks about her role as temporary supply pastor and assured the Board that while she was glad to be helpful, she was open to the Board's making other arrangements.

The Board reviewed and accepted the Financial Statement for the first three months of 2024 and approved reimbursements to Ben for public address equipment in the amount of \$299.95.

The Board expressed concern that there were not currently keys for the church in local hands. Katie and Gail agreed to each take a set of keys.

There was general acknowledgment that no one is currently responsible for custodial services. Everyone agreed to do what they could do to maintain the facility in the short term.

Ben acknowledged that he is currently overseeing streaming music for worship. A long-term arrangement will need to be developed.

Ben also acknowledged that he is currently overseeing the handling of the offering on Sunday morning. Again, a long-term arrangement will need to be developed.

There was general discussion about pulpit supply during our transition. It was agreed that we would pay \$200/service plus mileage. For those Sundays when Pam Peterson preaches, a like amount will be donated to N-Sid-Sen. Alice indicated that she did not want payment for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday or Easter.

Ben asked that Board members communicate their thoughts about the placement of the bench out front. Once he has heard from all, he will take responsibility for securing it.

The Board developed plans for the May 1 meeting with the Pacific Northwest Conference of the UCC, Acting Conference Minister, Rev. Phil Hodson. A letter will be sent to our church family inviting them to a 5:00 PM meal and consultation for the purpose of sharing/developing plans for our future. Board

members agreed to prepare the meal. Ben agreed to be the liaison with Phil and to set up the necessary video conferencing to include Geoff.

The next meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled for May 19, 2024 after church.

Respectfully submitted,
Ben Crosby

Approved by the Executive Board, May 19, 2024