**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Strongsville, OH 44136

November, 2020

Greg Dickson called the meeting to order on Monday, Nov. 9, 2020 at 7:56 PM.

Those responding were: Greg Dickson, Sandy Pogozelski, Myron Costin, Dale Hawk, Eddy Bond, Adria Bond, Sally Herzog, Ed Sobek, Linda Stepan, Rob Stepan, Bill Giuliano, Pastor Heidi.

Pastor Heidi gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of the October meeting minutes.** Dale moved to approve the minutes, Myron seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurers/Financial Secretary report:** Dale moved to approve the financial reports, Linda seconded. Motion passed.

**Committee Reports:**

**Memorial/Endowment:** Additional memorials added in November include Debbie Churnega Krause, Rev. Larry Craig and Slavako Vucek. Dale moved to approve the Memorial and Endowment reports, Myron seconded. Motion passed.

**Minister’s Update:** Mike Elkins has tested positive for COVID-19. His symptoms so far have been manageable, and we are hoping it stops here. This Sunday's service was a major "punt." I am grateful for the many talented folks who helped out at the literal last minute, especially Richard Denmsore, Carol Foley and Chuck McDougall, and for Doug Thorn for his editing skills that make us all look so good.

Plans continue for a distanced/ safe Advent season. The Nativity will be set up in time for the Strongsville celebration, and we hope to have music playing through the carillon during that time.

Some people have suggested we offer some sort of vigil or caroling on Christmas Eve. Given the incredible surge we are experiencing, I do not find this to be a good idea; if, however, the numbers manage to reverse themselves as we get into December, we can certainly figure something out. You all are simply too important to me. I would hate to do something regrettable.

Also, during this season of upheaval, I am asking that those of you who thought your term as a Trustee was nearing an end-- would you please consider remaining on for one more year, for the good of the flock (and the sanity of the pastor)? I will assume you are willing to serve in 2021 unless I hear otherwise from you. Thanks in advance.

**Official Board:** The Thrift Shop continues to operate with social distancing and masks.

**Building and Grounds Project Prioritization and Status (refer to Project Tracking):**

Mike moved to approve Eric’s second leaf cleanup for $250. Bill seconded. Motion passed.

**Royalton Rd.:** Tenant signed a one year lease from October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021. The lease contained the same terms as the previous lease. He paid three months rent in advance as well.

Greg contacted George Love to send us a snowplow contract to review.

Sally Herzog presented our board with insurance information. The UCC Insurance Board has an offer for a water and flood monitoring system. Ed Sobek will advise the board as to what action we should take. This item has been tabled until the December meeting.

The next meeting will be the week of December 7, 2020.

The meeting was adjourned on November 22, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gaumer, Clerk