**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (CONGREGATIONAL)

STRONGSVILLE, OH 44136

January 11, 2022

Greg Dickson called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Those present were: Greg Dickson, Myron Costin, Dale Hawk, Sandy Pogozelski, Sally Herzog, Pastor Heidi Denman McDougall and Judy Gaumer.

Pastor Heidi gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of December 2021 minutes**; Myron moved to approve the minutes, Dale seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurers/Financial report**; The checking account balance is $25,827.82 and the savings account balance is $37,787.46. Sally noted that the insurance bill rose 18% over last year, from $12,557 to $14,817. This was the same percentage as last year and seems to be the norm for the industry. Myron moved to accept the report, Dale seconded. Motion passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

 **Memorial/Endowment**: The annual report has been completed. The Endowment fund earned $13,013.06. The Nativity Display Camel has been delivered.

 **Safety Audit**: Reviewed the open project matrix.

 **Budget and Finance**: Budget planning has begun.

**Minister’s Update**: Pastor Heidi reported that the church received $5000 from the Deaconess Program to benefit the Free Lunch program. Overall, the church is thriving.

**Official Board**: No report.

**Building and Grounds**: The open project matrix was discussed.

**New Business**:

 The upstairs painting is in progress.

 Pomeroy House has not followed through with their offer to donate $1000 toward the sidewalk expansion. Greg will send another letter asking if they will donate the $1000. If not, we will consider raising the rent charged for their use of our parking lot.

 Michael Clotworthy has resigned from the Board of Trustees.

 The policy regarding cancellation of church services was discussed. The trustees will suggest to the Official Board adding wording such as “due to unforeseen circumstances” to the reasons for cancelling.

 We need to update the list of ownership of church keys. People going off boards should turn in their keys.

 Pastor Heidi recommended we do an inventory of chairs in Pilgrim Hall, as some seem to be missing.

 The Insurance Board Insurance Survey was discussed.

 The Nursery room needs to be painted. Greg will ask Drew for an estimate.

**Next Scheduled meeting** is Tuesday, February 8, 2022.

**Motion to Adjourn**: Myron moved to adjourn, Sally seconded. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted;

Judy Gaumer, Clerk