BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES

United Church of Christ (Congregational)

Strongsville, OH 44136

September 14, 2021

Greg Dickson called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Those present were: Greg Dickson, Dale Hawk, Sandy Pogozelski, Rob Stepan, Mike Elkins and Pastor Heidi.

Pastor Heidi gave the opening prayer.

**Approval of August, 2021 minutes**: Pastor Heidi moved to accept the minutes, Mike seconded. Motion passed.

**Treasurers/Financial Secretary Report:** We welcomed Mike Elkins as our new Financial Secretary.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

 **Memorial/Endowment** – the committee voted to approve $1400 for a new church keyboard. A surge protector for the entire building is needed (cost is $450). We will combine this with the emergency lighting project.

 **Safety Audit:** Several items were crossed off the list. Replacing the phone system was moved to the top of the list.

 **Budget and Finance:** It is time to begin 2022 budget planning.

**Minister’s Update**: Stewardship Sunday will be November 14.

 Panara asked if we could pick up their donations daily. This would require more help, so Pastor Heidi will ask the Ministerial Alliance if they would like to participate.

 There are 9-10 people interested in joining the church, which will happen on World Communion Sunday.

 The Free Lunch program will start on October 13. It will be held on the second and fourth Wednesdays, sit down dining only. The maximum will be 30 people, and reservations are required. There will also be take out available.

**BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS:**

 The parking lot has been striped. We have been unable to find someone to do the repair and sealing for the lot and the Pearl Road property.

 The Royalton Rd. tenant has asked to renew his lease. This will be for one year at the same rent.

 The tenant of the Pearl Road property is interested in renewing his 5 year lease. It was decided to raise the rent from $850/month to $925/month.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The PPP loan was discussed. We may still need those funds in the future.

 The duties and financial compensation for the custodian were discussed.

The next meeting will be October 12, 2021 in the parlor.

Sandy moved to adjourn, Dale seconded. Motion passed.

Greg adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Gaumer,

Clerk.