

Present: Moderator Anne Hoekstra, Tim Ahrens, Craig Driver, Paul Greene, Jim Stevenson, Diane Highnam, John Mardis, Cliff Highnam, Bob Brock, Karen Jensen, Lauren Reisinger, and Keith Jorgensen.  
Staff: Abbie Chronister, Michelle Wolfe, and (by ZOOM) Luke Overton.

Moderator Hoekstra called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She offered Reflections on the "Mission of the Church" from a "go out" and a "come in" approach to mission supported by selected Bible verses. She then reviewed upcoming events through early November. See the attached list she provided.

**Motion:** To approve the minutes of the regular meeting May 10, 2022; the special meeting July 17, 2022; and the congregational meeting August 7, 2022. **John Mardis / Paul Greene / Carried**

**Treasurer's Report:** In Treasurer Allbaugh's absence, Office Manager Michelle Wolfe was available to answer any questions on the July financial statement. There were no questions. See attached written report.

**Motion:** To approve the Treasurer's report. **Jim Stevenson / Cliff Highnam / Carried**

**Staff Reports:**

**Music:** Luke Overton urged anyone interested in any of the various music groups to contact him.

**Youth:** See the attached written report. Abbie Chronister reviewed her report, noting that Sunday mornings would begin with an intergenerational gathering.

**Office Manager:** See the attached written report. Michelle Wolfe had nothing to add to her report.

The Resolution for the Board of Trustees on Procedure to Request, Approve & Expend Funds from Church Bank Accounts was presented by Michelle Wolfe. See the attached handout sheet created by Treasurer Allbaugh. Discussion followed.

**Motion:** To accept the Resolution as presented. **Tim Ahrens / Bob Brock / Carried**

**Board Reports:**

Moderator Hoekstra asked if any of the Board Chairs had additions to their written reports. See the attached written reports. There were Boards with additional comments.

**Social Causes & Justice:** Diane Highnam reported that the recent Night Out event was generally well attended, however, she felt our church was underrepresented and hoped we could do better in the future. Paul Greene spoke to the tours being offered by Habitat for Humanity targeting Church Row and the Walnut Street areas, urging us to take advantage of them if possible. Moderator Hoekstra added that we as a church should increase our involvement in the Church Row area to demonstrate our commitment to mission in our own back yard. Some discussion on possibilities followed. Paul Greene pointed out our connection and involvement in the much-delayed presentation by Ayanna

Gregory this September 10<sup>th</sup>. He explained the reason we would not be hosting the event at our church. It was due to the need for a venue better suited to higher production needs of the event.

**Physical Resources:** Cliff Highnam reviewed the items in his written report. See the attached report. Discussion followed on the changing priorities of the various needs. The discussion focused on the possible use of the \$80,000 insurance settlement for the water damage months ago. Cliff was asking for direction by the entire board on setting priorities for these projects. Numerous suggestions were offered. Cliff noted that exterior needs, tuck pointing work and roof repairs, were the first priority. Following these projects, interior needs will be addressed with sanctuary work likely to be done first.

**Committee Reports:**

**Endowment:** See the attached written report. Jim Stevenson commented on the market swings and the effects on the endowment fund. The market is again on an upswing, reversing earlier losses. He then presented a motion by the Endowment Committee to contribute \$600 to the Julia Bullard Trio concert October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion:** To distribute from the Endowment Fund \$600 for the Julia Bullard Trio performance. **Jim Stevenson / John Mardis / Carried**

**Grin & Grow:** Karen Jensen noted that the Grin and Grow staff has stabilized, due to salary raises and increased benefits. She also shared that the childcare numbers have increased.

**Memorial:** Bob Brock reported a committee is working on possible new paraments for the altar, pulpit, and lectern, and will be asking the Memorial Committee for funds to purchase these.

**Technology:** Abbie Chronister requested guidance on updating various needs. She was directed to create a list of those needs for the board to consider and locate funding.

**New Business:**

**Church van use by the JOB Foundation:** Greg Hoekstra presented the need for transportation by the JOB Foundation, which is now using our church as a meeting place. He reviewed his written support document. See the attached document. Discussion followed with a focus on the van safety and insurance coverage. All points were satisfactorily covered.

**Motion:** To approve the church van used by the JOB Foundation under the agreed guidelines. **John Mardis / Bob Brock / Carried**

In closing the meeting, Moderator Hoekstra challenged the board members to each invited five members of the congregation not seen for some time to returned to church, suggesting Rally Day would be a great starting point.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Jorgensen, Clerk