

TUMC Board Minutes
March 26, 2023

Present: Amy Christensen, Suzanne Fischer, Roger Taylor, Antonio Byrd, Blaine Proctor, Rudy Breland, Susan Grotewold, LaVonne Meyer, Karen Mitchell

Absent: Margie Richcreek, Tiago Donato, Tino Herrera

Guest: Kay Salsbury

Opening Prayer was led by Antonio Byrd

REPORTS

Finance: Please refer to the attachments from Friday's email.

Amy Christensen wanted the board to consider whether a new procedure needed to be developed for counting the tithes and offerings. Examples were given as to the ways that it had/has been done. Amy will investigate developing a form so that two church members can fill out it out and give to Mary Allison so that then she can enter the amounts into the computer.

Trustee Report by Roger Taylor

I met with the company hired to repair the bell tower. They still have work to complete on the back two sides and the top cement part of the tower to paint. They will start again as soon as the weather warms up.

The air compressor motor for the thermostats is now working. Russ still has a couple individual thermostats that are not working properly and he will replace those.

We have sent a letter to the adjacent landowners of our property co-owned by the City Union Mission located on the east side of Kansas City. We are checking to see if they have any interest in owning the property. It has been deemed to have no value to Trinity.

Blaine Proctor asked if we would have a celebration to honor Tex Sample when the bell tower is finished. There is a plaque and everyone agreed there will be a celebration.

Justice Task Force report to the board March 26, 2023 - Margie Richcreek

At our monthly meeting on March 6...

- We reflected quite a while on the role of the Justice Task Force with the people of Trinity, and Ed asked the question... Are we leaders or workers?
- Do we draw people in the congregation to the issues - calling them forth and sending them out, or do we continue being the key group who go and do?
- Are we a clearing house for our community partners?

- We agree that we need more information about any action before encouraging the people of Trinity sign on to any community partner's petition or join their action
- What other passions (besides those of our community partners) do the people of Trinity embrace?
- An effective way to learn about these passions is for those in JTF to have one-on-ones with the people of Trinity
- Ed has agreed to lead a one-on-one training for JTF - possibly on April 19 - with the agreement that we'll put it to good use!

Several from Trinity's JTF participated in the MORE2 Public Meeting on Feb 23...

- Tino's words were applauded, again, for being the highlight of that event!
- We feel compelled to gather 8 Ambassadors for Campaign 2000/22 in support of eventually working to regain local control of KCPD. On March 26, Suzanne will have 2 minutes (tops) to speak to the congregation during announcements, so she'll be accompanied by several "picketers" to make our message clear. We hope 6 folks will join Margie and David for the training (zoom) on March 27! The MO and KS legislative sessions will end in May, so now is the time to communicate our support or opposition about bills with our Senators and Representatives...
- There are several bills aimed at restricting Missouri's century long process of the initiative petition. Opposing ANY restrictions is a priority for EVERY justice and voting rights organization we know, so the JTF will be informed and encouraged to focus on this issue with our legislators.

LaVonne Meyer, representing Margie Richcreek, told the board that Margie was looking to step away from chair duties with JTF. Mary Allison Joseph, operations manager was asked if she would like to take over the chairmanship. Mary Allison made a proposal to take on the chairmanship, but lessen some of her office duties and add 5 hours, making it a 40 hour workweek. There was debate pro and con, but no recommendation was made. Roger Taylor, board chair, suggested members think about the proposal for the next board meeting. He also suggested we might try out this proposal over the summer. In the meantime, board members who have thoughts, concerns or questions, can email Margie.

OLD BUSINESS

Vision Cohort Update Blaine Proctor reported to the board about Vibe, Vision and Values, concentrating first on the "vibe" with asking the congregation to come up with 3 words that image Trinity. There will be a Coaching meeting Thursday at 6:00 with the location to be announced.

Holy Week Update (Pastor Tino was called away before the board meeting began.)

Palm Sunday Service | 4/2 10:30am, Rev. David Gilmore preaching

Maundy Thursday Service | 4/6 6pm

Good Friday Service | 4/7 6pm

Easter Sunday Service | 4/9 10:30am

2024 Annual Conference Legislation Update Karen Mitchell called Reconciling Ministries to get help on developing less harmful language for new LGBTQ legislation that Trinity will submit to the conference. She asked that all board members sign the document.

Susan Grotewold told the group that she did not see Trinity on the Reconciling Churches list.

Annual Conference will be in St. Charles, Missouri from June 9-11. Members wanted to know how registration will be handled. The fee is \$155/person. No one is signed up to go at this date.

NEW BUSINESS

St. Paul Scholarship Matt Brown, a St. Paul student and Trinity church member, is asking for help with a scholarship which stipulates it will match funds up to \$1,000. \$1,000 has been taken from the pastor's discretionary fund because the due date was so close. Matt will be asking the congregation for donations that will go towards reimbursing the discretionary fund. Any extra donations would go towards Matt's other educational expenses.

Authorization for Office Manager to Sign Checks

A motion was made by Blaine Proctor and seconded by Rudy Breland to approve office manager, Mary Allison Joseph to be on the bank's signature card and for her to sign checks up to \$750 to pay bills. The board voted unanimously for the authorization.

Any bill over that amount and up to \$5000.00 must be authorized by the treasurer or board chair. Anything over \$5,000 must be approved by the board.

A motion was made by Blaine Proctor and seconded by Rudy Breland to adjourn the meeting. The board voted for adjournment.

The next board meeting will be Sunday, April 23 after church in Fellowship Hall.

Recording Secretary, Suzanne Fischer

