

TUMC Board Minutes
August 27, 2023

Members present: Rudy Breland, Tiago Donato, Susan Grotewold, LaVonne Meyer, Blaine Proctor, Tino Herrera, Amy Christensen, Margie Richcreek, Suzanne Fischer, Karen Mitchell

Members absent: Roger Taylor, Antonio Byrd

Guests: Kay Salisbury, Amy Young, Marsha Smith, Avis Morton

Pastor Tino opened the meeting with a Scriptural exercise.

I. Old Business

Neighbor 2 Neighbor – Pastor Tino said he had made an executive decision not to accept N2N at Trinity. He had met with key church leaders to explain why Trinity was not ready for N2N. He asked the board members what their feelings were about his decision. The majority of members agreed that Trinity was not ready for such a large undertaking. A suggestion was made to give an offering or help with finding them a permanent place elsewhere.

II. Ministry Updates (Caveat: The board secretary did not send out the reports in time for members to read prior to the meeting.)

A. Finance-Refer to email with financial report attached.

B. Trustees-Not too much to report this month. Big thanks to Russ for maintaining the cooling systems this summer. Last Saturday the AC was not working in the fellowship hall. Russ was able to check it out and a pulley had come off the blower motor and he was able to fix it himself. The AC was up and running by the time meals were served. Russ has also reported that the main cooling system may need to have a little more refrigerant added to get through the summer, but he will keep an eye on it.

C. Justice-Blaine Proctor read Mary Allison Joseph's report to the board. Karen Mitchell asked how much time does Mary Allison have to dedicate to Justice. Suzanne Fischer reported that four volunteers have been trained to work in the office, freeing up Mary Allison for other duties.

III. New Business

A. Worship proposal-Pastor Tino stated that worship is a priority for Trinity including music worship. Tino has asked Patrick Munsell to help with the music program and finding musicians.

Margie Richcreek proposed that Patrick Munsell be brought on board to be director of worship for September, October, November and December using the remaining

salary of the former director. Rudy Breland seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Margie as PPRC chair explained that the committee rewrote the job descriptions for the music department and is a part of the search team for finding musicians. Tino will be bringing Patrick to the PPRC meetings to meet the members.

- B. Kitchen questions-Marsha Smith asked that:
1. Gilmore no longer be in charge of the rented ice maker; that the maintenance of the appliances in the kitchen come out of the Trustee's budget.
 2. bills that are over \$100.00 need to be approved by Gilmore (Marsha Smith)

Marsha said that \$1000 was taken out of the Gilmore fund instead of the Trustees budget. She further stated that everything in the kitchen was donated and becomes the property of the church (Trustees). Blaine Proctor wondered if we should work that into the rentals or just take it out of the Trustee budget. Tino said that when Roger gets back they will start looking at developing a new budget.

Marsha stated that renters need to clean up after themselves when they use the kitchen. Tiago Donato asked if the board should formalize use of the appliances. Tino said to let him or Mary Allison know and to document the situations so he can talk to the renters.

- C. Karen Mitchell asked board members if they knew Pat Erwin's brother passed away. Several did not. Karen said she appreciated it when she received cards from church members and that we as a congregation need to be supportive of each other. We need to find a way to communicate better. Tino spoke about the Care team taking the lead for that.

LaVonne Meyer prayed us to adjournment.

Suzanne Fischer, recording secretary

Addendum:

Team,

During the closing of our board session, I forgot to mention details for next month's meeting. I've invited Teresa Stewart to be our guest. She currently just wrote book called, "The Small Church Advantage." She has a passion for small congregations and believes they are the future of the church. I've asked her to spend 30-40 minutes with us, sharing ideas on who we can press

forward into the future. I'm really looking forward to this. I'll send more information out as we get closer to the date.