**Church Council Minutes Union Church, July 15, 2024**

Present: Joan English (Recorder), Dave Kobersmith (Staff), Kim Kobersmith (Vice Moderator), Jeff Hutton (Properties), Betsy Whaley (Moderator), Steve Bolster (Pastoral Relations), Joy Gritton (Mission), Charles Hoffman (Endowment), David Jones (Program Coordinator, Staff), Maureen Spencer (Clerk), Cadence Perman (FD), Patti Smithson (Finance), Diane Bailey (Worship), Donna Lovell (Admin)

Question of the evening: What is a favorite hymn or song?

Devotional Dave Kobersmith read an article by Brian Bantam – What’s Special About a Church Building?

**Action Items**

Minutes: Approval of June minutes. **Patti moved to approve, Maureen seconded, minutes approved.**

Approval of email action recommending Willie Dodson as a member in discernment, motion made via email. **Charlie so moved, Maureen seconded - Approved**

Review & Approval of revised 2024 budget for Congregational Meeting (Aug 4). Dave spoke to 2024 Budget revisions.

**Grant Budget 2024** – changes are the addition of line item 6018, Director of Development (expected expense) and 6018.1 has been added – professional expense money. Questions invited. Coming from a Board, no second is needed. **Approved.**

**Revised Operating Budget 2024 -** We’ve been able to lower deficit, which is good news! But not related to lowered costs or increased giving. Reason – our current year Lambert disbursement (#4501) was considerably more than expected (nearly $11,000 more).

We have been given a large gift to the insurance expense ($12,000) that is not added to income. We increased the budget by about $10,000. We WILL receive a partial refund of liability insurance (approx. $2000)

Budget came from a Board, no second required. **Revised Operating Budget approved to go to congregational vote at the meeting on August 4.**

**Discussion**

**Finance Board:** Patti reported. Main point – we’ve received a large undesignated gift from Sally Zimmerman’s estate. Church Council must vote to accept it or not. Motion comes from Finance Board so no second required. **Council votes to accept gift.**

The gift amount is $250,673 from Sally Zimmerman’s estate.

Finance Board recommends Church Council to use this gift per our Financial Policy:

* 20% distributed equally (i.e. 4% each) to five Funds for: Properties, Leadership, Worship/Art, Mission/Outreach, and Community Life & Growth;
* 20% to endowment with Church Council to decide which sleeve; and
* 60% to be decided after discussions by Church Council with Finance Board -recommendation to be informed by Donor and family interest in a Baptismal Font, Mission, and Administrative support for church as a whole.

**Betsy moved, Diane seconded, and Church Council voted to follow Financial Policy regarding use of this gift.**

**Finance Board officers update** – Charlie is co-chair with Patti and he will take minutes and remains a signatory on accounts.

**Coordination**

**Board Updates or Highlights**

* Admin -
* CL&G -
* FD – Nursery cleaning date for August 4 12:30-2:30, pool party July 31, back-to-school bash Aug 7, Intergenerational church trauma group is planned, we have many LGBTQ members in our youth group – meetings will likely be Oct, Sept, November
* Finance -
* M&S - going forward with auction. Looking to partner with UP Initiative and RITI. October/November date
* Nominating –
* N&C -
* PRB - Steve reported that they began working on ideas for his upcoming sabbatical, nothing concrete, brainstorming. Kent’s concept will be “flow” – energy and renewal. Hands-on projects for congregation – maybe painting, poetry, music, writing, virtual worship, multi-media concept, art and images flowing. Proposal will be submitted to Lilly in March of 2025
* Properties – will be installing storage cabinets behind the audio booth this week
* Worship -

**Announcements**

* Next meeting – August 19
* Devotion: tbd

Meeting ended at 7:45 with song and prayer.

Joan English