

## **Board meeting minutes**

**April 24, 2022**

Attending: Rev. Chad Delaney, Nora Brant, Pat Hoskin, Brian Hurd, Steve Hurd, Carol Magyarics, Liz Meeker, Paul Meeker, Rick Painley, Becky Tipton, and Jon Secaur (Chair).

Pastor Chad shared his report and was enthusiastic at how the church is seeming more open and alive with lots of special music and a well-attended (but frigid) Easter Sunrise service. He thanked Mike Hoskin for continuing to supply him and the church with holding crosses. The Tuesday study on Howard Thurman's work was successful and has ended. Chi Rho and CYF continue to meet, and he called to our attention a Pastor's Class for anyone interested in baptism later in the summer. Concerns were raised for Hazel Case in the hospital, and Pete's mother Carol.

Liz Meeker reported that church finances are holding steady, and a discussion was held regarding the hiring of a new Music Director. She indicated her concern that the Food Bank has had to raise prices as extra government funding has expired. Bruce Harris, from Aurora, is organizing a new project to collect non-perishable food from Aurora and the 'greater Mantua' area: volunteers will hang bags on doorknobs all through the area on April 30 with a note asking residents to fill the bags for pickup the following Saturday, May 7. Collections will then be shared among four projects, including Kids' Weekend Meals. Liz was pleased that our program would be included in the project.

Becky Tipton, for the Smile Team, reported that the group will be recognizing mothers on Sunday, May 8. She also raised the need for a way to communicate to the greater church all the mission and service opportunities available. Becky also asked if Story Time would resume again.

Jon Secaur reported that the new hearing assist system (purchased by a generous donation) works perfectly with the two pocket-sized receivers that came with the system. However, the main function, broadcasting by wifi to anyone's smart phone, is not yet available because of a complication with the two wireless networks in the church. Carol is continuing to investigate the problem.

Skip Schweitzer has asked to move the monthly Skip's Jam to another weekday, as he is now in a group that performs on Fridays. Jon agreed to contact him to say that Monday evenings are always available, but Tuesdays and Wednesdays will likely have conflicts in the fall, if not right now. Thursdays are available, except the last Thursday of each month when the church offers the Loaves and Fishes meal.

Jon remarked on the wonderful new look in the Fellowship Hall and suggested that the church recognize CJ Delaney for his leadership as part of his Eagle Scout project, and hang a plaque in his honor, probably around the time of his Eagle Scout award.

In New Business, Jessy Rice has inquired about use of the Fellowship Hall to display some of her artwork, as decoration and also for possible sales. The group was roundly in favor, so long as we develop a way to hang works without nails or screws in the walls, perhaps with wires from a wooden rail at the top of the wall. It was mentioned that perhaps we could have other exhibits, for example, the work of Marilyn Alger or Frédéric Vigne.

The group unanimously agreed to meet in person, so the next meeting will be held on Sunday, May 15 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be provided.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon Secaur