

# Grinnell UCC-Congregational Governing Board

## Meeting Minutes

November 22, 2020

11:30am-12:30pm via Zoom

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**Members present:** Terese Grant, Troy Dillon, Liz Rodrigues, Josh Sandquist, John Ashby, Keir Johnson; Jessica Margrave Schirm, *ex officio*.

Opening Devotions

Approval of minutes

- October 25 Governing Board meeting minutes: **Approved** by unanimous consent.

Reports/Updates

Treasurer

- Revenue is picking up with year-end pledge fulfillment and preschool payments that had been delayed is coming in.
- Keir is optimistic for stable year-end finances in an unpredictable year.

Pastor

- Please see attached report.
- Pastor Jessica, Elizabeth, and Erin are working on creative Advent plans.
- A fellowship feedback call was held directly prior to this meeting. One take-away is that a technical support team is needed for worship preparation.
- Our custodian recently resigned to take another position. Current maintenance needs are low, so we will hold off on filling this position until after the new year.

Old Business

Stewardship Update

- We are 2/3 of the way to goal, which is promising.
- Unfortunately, the current COVID situation necessitates cancelling our distanced in-person Pie Day

Nominating Committee Update

- All asked to continue their terms in current roles have agreed to continue.
- We are still looking for nominating committee members, but Josh is still confident that a slate can be ready in time for the Annual Meeting.

## Open Business

### Annual Meeting - Add Outreach Ministries Committee to By-laws

- Josh located the beginnings of a draft for language of by-laws updates. There are three proposed changes: adding the preschool and children's choir as affiliated entities under Article VII, adding Outreach Ministries Committees under Article V, and adding that members of Outreach will be elected under Article IX (Elections).
- Some additional language is needed. A starting point for this will be language from the report of the outreach task force.
- John will follow up and work on integrating the new language.
- The Board will need to approve all language and vote to put it on the Annual Meeting agenda at our December 20 meeting.

## New Business

### Other preparation for Annual Meeting

- We need to prepare for presentation and participation via Zoom, including polls for votes.
- John will coordinate with Elizabeth to get access to the Zoom account to explore set up needs.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rodrigues, clerk