

Grinnell UCC-Congregational Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, Mar 28, 2021

12:00 pm via Zoom

Members present: Ross Haenfler, Terese Grant, Liz Rodrigues, Julie Eberbach, John Ashby, Keir Johnson; Jessica Margrave Schirm, *ex officio*.

Opening Devotions (Jessica)

Budget motion: The board approves use of continuing education funds up to \$500 for wellness support in service of ministry. Ashby/Johnson: MOTION CARRIES.

Approval of minutes

Feb 21 2021 Governing Board minutes: Approved by unanimous consent.

Reports/Updates

Treasurer

- The last month's financials reflect the typical annual cycle of giving, i.e. we are slightly behind if gifts were to be tracked on a monthly basis but historically we are in a comparable position to years past.

Pastor

- Please see attached report.

Covid Update Letter to Congregation

- Draft has been composed by John and Josh Sandquist. The board is grateful for their work on this important issue.
- The board discussed ways of balancing inclusivity with offering in-person worship as soon as possible. Vaccination access has so far varied widely.
- For example: guidelines for safe in-person gathering would likely put a limit on how many people could be in the sanctuary at the same time, requiring the church to turn people away if that limit were reached.
- The board approved the letter for sharing with the congregation, noting how impatient we all are to be back together

Old Business

Preschool

- The plan is to ask for a board member to report during our meetings twice a year and incorporate their minutes into our own sharing with the congregation.

Copyright reporting

- John will follow up with Elizabeth on how the licensing process is working.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted,
Liz Rodrigues, clerk