

Grinnell UCC-Congregational Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, June 27, 2021

12:00-12:52 pm in Person Seekers Room and/or via Zoom

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

Opening Devotions (Jessica)

Approval of minutes

5 23 2021 Governing Board minutes: postponed to next month.

Reports/Updates

Treasurer

- Keir submitted a written report in advance. Finances are in line with historical trends for this point in the year.

Pastor

- See written report (attached).
- Our summer intern has been an exciting addition to the office for the summer.
- Pastor Jessica is leading reflection on what the staff has learned throughout the pandemic time. This is the form that performance review will take this year.

Motion: The Governing Board affirms language in Jessica's Call that UCC Grinnell assume premium costs as Jessica's family transitions to family insurance through UCC Pension Board including COBRA (or equivalent) if necessary. (Ashby/Rodrigues): Motion carries unanimously.

New Covid Letter Regarding Re-Opening Process

- John has worked with Josh Sandquist to draft the next COVID protocols update letter.
- The overall message will be that we are ending the mask requirement, but that this could change if the situation changes due to variants.
- The livestream option is an important component of being accessible to all who may have concern with public health conditions.

- Guidance for parents will be that children below vaccination age are welcome to join the nursery workers in the playground outside, or in the friendship hall in case of rain or extreme heat.

Old Business

Update on copyright reporting/notification of recording of services to attendees.

- Dave Eberbach has been working on filming procedures that do not capture folks not participating in the service as a matter of course.
- Some have appeared on film inadvertently, and much of this can be mitigated by switching to a generic shot (e.g. a view of the stained glass windows) during joys and concerns.

Open Business

Update on live and livestreaming Worship

- Dave Eberbach has worked out procedures and is going to be training volunteers on the set up.

Update on live and livestreaming Seekers

- The sound has been fine but the visual component has been challenging.
- We have worked out how to use different computers when necessary.
- Folks are finding it useful to have the livestream as an accessible option.

Bringing children back together

- Options were discussed for planning some kind of outdoor gathering focused on kids to help them reconnect with each other.

Closing Prayer – Jessica

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rodrigues, clerk