

TUMC Board Minutes
October 25, 2021

Present: Tex Sample, Suzanne Fischer, Susan Grotewold, Blaine Proctor, Margie Richcreek, Ed Kail, Russ Petry, Shannon Jones, LaVonne Meyer, Karen Mitchell, Jeff Stevens

Absent: John Lester, Greg Houston, Dick Nelson, Rudy Breland, Marsha Smith

Shannon Jones opened the meeting with asking Tex Sample for prayer.

REPORTS

Treasurer-Russ Petry took us through September's financial position statement.

Edward Jones \$110,063

US Bank \$ 51,616

According to the data, Russ reported that Trinity was being a good steward with utilities.

Chair Update-Shannon Jones reported that the insurance company did an evaluation of the church building and found only four problems which need to be fixed by March 2022:

1. Wood rot on the canopy on the west side of the church has developed. Roger Taylor and Alex McCombs will replace the wood.
2. Water damage on second floor SW corner in the sanctuary needs fixing. Our T-Mobile volunteer, Shawn could probably plaster the cracks.
3. Cracks in the alley way will require patching and paving. Shannon has contacted a professional about the project and a bid of \$3500.00 was submitted.
4. Louvers in the tower need painting. Roger has contacted a company that does this work and has asked for a bid.

Five surveys were returned all pretty much saying we are going in the right directions. Trinity is very active even with the small membership. More work can be done in supporting Black-owned businesses. LaVonne Meyer reminded the group that Bliss Books carries Tex's books. Black Map KC is a good resource to find more Black-owned businesses. Tex Sample said that thanks in part to Amy Young, 7% of the congregation are people of color.

Shannon Jones reminded the group to sign up for the House meeting which is this Thursday.

Russ Petry, Tex Sample, M.A. Joseph and Shannon have been meeting weekly to work on the 2022 budget which they hope to provide at the next board meeting.

Justice Task Force-Margie Richcreek reported on the partnership with Jobs with Justice (JWJ). They will be offering trainings like the 1 on 1's for people who have not had the training. Margie said she attended the JWJ meeting and forwarded their training schedule to Tim to consider with the young adults he is getting to know.

Food Ministry & Pantry-Marsha Smith was unable to be at the meeting but had let Shannon know that lunches were going well. Trinity will not be sitting down for Thanksgiving this year because of COVID, but the lunch for guests on Monday before Thanksgiving will be turkey, dressing, etc.

Karen Mitchell said that Ina Gunther wanted to know where the \$340.00 was going. Her son-in-law, Shawn, has volunteered 34 hours of his time to rehab projects at Trinity and his company, T-Mobile, that donates the money wants to make sure it is designated for the lunch and pantry needs. Shannon said we would work with them on this issue.

Karen also said she will get a list of the pantry needs (especially hygiene needs) to the Tidings. The food and pantry ministries have \$3,145.

Lani Smith will come in the Saturday before Thanksgiving to prepare meals for the homeless.

New Business-Tex Sample floated the idea of having a 6-week course study during Advent on "Power". Suggestions were made to make it relatable to members and focused on the local community to some degree. He also asked if Sunday evenings would be the best time for the meetings?

Tex also spoke about attendance saying Trinity has had over one hundred online and in-person for Sunday worship. He also said attendance online has dipped.

Charge Conference is this Saturday, October 30 at St. James Methodist Church with a Laity Only meeting from 9-10.

Next board meeting will be November 22, 2021 at 6:00 PM.

Meeting adjourned.