

TUMC Board Meeting Minutes  
9/28/2021

Present: Tex Sample, Suzanne Fischer, Karen Mitchell, Shannon Jones, Russ Petry, Marsha Smith, Ed Kail, Jeff Stevens, LaVonne Meyer, Susan Grotewold  
Absent: Margie Richcreek, Rudy Breland, Blaine Proctor, John Lester  
Guests: M.A. Joseph, Tim Fosci, Matt Brown

Shannon Jones called the meeting to order, and Tex Sample led the group in prayer.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer's Report**-Russ Petry led the group through the latest financial report from Miller Management. He said the report showed the finances to be in good shape with no huge surprises. He also said the church has been frugal in its expenses. Russ read the motion proposal that he and M.A. developed to change designated giving. After discussion and a specific date added (January 1, 2022), Susan Grotewold made the official motion with a second from Marsha Smith. The motion passed. The later date was made to give the congregation a chance to learn about the change.

"As of January 1, 2022, the following donor-restricted accounts will no longer receive donations: 1) 2210 Capital Campaign, 2) 2240 Pastor's Discretionary Fund, 3) 2250 Health & Welfare, and 4) 2260 Emergency Pantry. The balances in these four accounts will be spent according to donor restrictions until the balances reach \$0, at which point the accounts will be closed. In the future, ministry programs will be funded through Trinity's general operations budget rather than through donor-restricted accounts. With the passing of this motion, we'll remove these accounts from our online giving portal and determine a communications plan with the congregation so that there are no surprises. We'll remove "Capital Improvement" from our offering envelopes. We'll also add language that reads, "Contributions are solicited and received with the understanding that Trinity United Methodist Church has complete discretion and control over the use of all donated funds," to both our online giving platform and our offering envelopes."

Marsha Smith wants people to know that there will be a budget line for each of the designated funds, but it will be in the general fund. Tex Sample invited Marsha to speak to the congregation regarding the change in the way funds are used.

US Bank \$45,387  
Edward Jones \$109,427

**Office Report**-M. A. Joseph updated the group on various activities. “Waiting for Lefty” members still meet on Mondays, even though the play is on hold. M.A. reminded us that the play had been sold out with 160 seats being sold.

The Young Adult Grant allowed M.A. to have 5 extra hours of paid work which she plans to use to work with KC Tenants. M.A. reported that 30 people were meeting in Fellowship Hall tonight because of the canvassing done last Saturday.

Matt Fosci, M.A. and Matt Brown are drafting a new grant proposal in regard to the Young Adult Project.

The Trinity website is still in progress.

M.A. is finishing up on financial work.

**Chair Update**-Shannon, Tex and M.A. met to develop goals for the next six months.

Shannon provided the following information:

Planning Study Programs over the next 6 months: October 13-Nov 17, 2021 Financial Peace University 4 Wed in Dec. 2021 Advent Course on Power by Tex Sample January/ February 2022 Course on Racism by Sam Mann & Tim F 4 Wed in March, Lent, Nancy Howell, Women and Lent · Additional Repairs needed for 2nd floor air conditioner · Russ continues to oversee all cooling systems; all are in good working order; freon replacement, filter replacement etc. · Met with Enertech Solar Energy company about estimates for Church · Removed KCPD from alarm call list. Shannon also reported that the churches liability insurance has increased 33.%.  
Shannon has asked that the Board members individually fill out the Faith Community Racial Equity Initiative’s Faith Community Self-Assessment and return to her by October 18, 2021.

**Justice Task Force**-According to Margie Richcreek’s emailed report several members served in a variety of ways with the “Waiting for Lefty” team.

Raised funds to pay for full page ads in the programs for Jobs with Justice and MORE2 annual fundraising events.

With Clay’s leadership, several members have been active with the work of KC Tenants.

Several members have participated in the work of our community partners with immigrants, minimum wage earners, and the issue of paid sick leave.

Resumed meeting on September 13 and laid the groundwork for our next Trinity House Meeting scheduled for Fourth Thursday in October.

Will continue meeting on zoom monthly on first Mondays.

At September meeting, we’ll finalize plans for House Meeting.

Ed Kail was asked by Jobs With Justice to see if anyone would like to volunteer for some training and deep canvassing of the community around Trinity this Saturday. The canvassing would be to see what issues concern the community. Tex Sample suggested we find a point person to work with JWJ.

**Food Ministry & Pantry**-Marsha Smith reported that even though she has been out due to surgery, she praised her volunteers for continuing to feed people on Monday and Saturday lunches (take out only, still), but also the “Waiting for Lefty” crowd and Pride Haven. More volunteers would be appreciated for taking food to Pride Haven.

Chris Elliott from a Raymore church has stepped up to help with lunches.

Marsha says we lack desserts and breads, but some people have stepped up to fill that need.

Alex McCombs went Thursday to shop for food.

Shannon Jones asked Marsha if a count is kept of the lunches prepared for our guests because our congregation needs to know. Marsha replied that a count is kept.

**Tim & Matt Report**-Matt Brown said that he and Tim have been going to coffee shops to meet and learn about young adult meetups.

Tim Fosci showed a flyer he created to get conversations going: “Pissed off at the church? Me too!”

A proposal is being written to have “Online Church” which might help bolster Trinity’s presence inside and outside of Kansas City.

Taps on Main is another meet-up place where Tim and Matt go to talk with young adult building tenants.

Tim will help lead the Financial Peace University program Wednesdays, starting October 13, at 7:00 p.m. Anyone can join to find ways to handle your money successfully.

**Tex’s “Amy Young Challenge”**-ask people to come to church. Figure out how we can invite people to church.

Tex also reported that Marsha Smith, Dallas Ziegenhorn, Katie Cline and Ina Gunther having been doing the Eucharist with lunch guests.

Next Trinity Board meeting will be Monday, October 25, 2021 at 6:00 pm over Zoom.

Meeting adjourned.