

Grinnell UCC-Congregational Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, February 27, 2022

12:00- 12:40- pm via Zoom

Members present: Julie Eberbach, Troy Dillon, Liz Rodrigues, John Ashby, Ross Haenfler, Gayle Strickler, Molly Campe, Jessica Margrave Schirm (ex-officio)

Opening Devotions (Pastor Jessica)

Approval of minutes

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MOTION: To approve the minutes of January 23, 2022 (Haenfler/Dillon): motion carries.

Reports/Updates

Treasurer Report (John)

- The monthly pledge shortfall was somewhat larger than is typical last month. It is not a concern right now but it is good to be aware of.
- John is continuing communications with the Endowment Committee about budget planning for the year. There are some funds in the endowment that are not technically part of the endowment but have been deposited there because of favorable interest rates in comparison to a savings account. Some of these funds may be available in the event of a cash flow problem.

Pastor's Report (Pastor Jessica)

- Please see attached report.

Old business

Progress Update on Stained Glass Windows

- Work is underway, with an anticipated completion date in May.

Open business

Organizer/Education Position Search Update

- Pastor Jessica shared from her report that discussions have been had with two known candidates for this position, and while both were very enthusiastic about the potential for this role neither is in a position to be the one to fill it right now. Pastor Jessica is finalizing a job description for a broader search.

Ken Retirement/Replacement: Update/Next Steps?

- Ken has not set a firm date for his retirement.
- It would still be a good idea to decide what our strategy is for deciding what we want our music ministry to look like in the future.
- We will continue to reflect on whether we want to charge the music task force, pursue a consultant, or consider candidates that may emerge in the meanwhile.

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rodrigues, clerk