

Grinnell UCC-Congregational Governing Board

Meeting Minutes

Sunday, October 24, 2021

1:00-1:35 pm in Person Seekers Room and via Zoom

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

Opening Devotions

Approval of minutes

9 26 2021 minutes delayed.

Reports/Updates

Treasurer

- Monthly reports show financials on track with the budget and where they were last year at this time.

Stewardship

- The stewardship letter is just about ready to go out, pending final proofreading and graph creation. It should be landing in our mailboxes around November 1.
- The end of the stewardship campaign will be acknowledged in worship this year rather than a pie day celebration.

COVID-19

- There are no plans for a new congregational letter in the near term as there are no plans to change practices.

Pastor

- Please see attached report.

Old Business

- **Stained glass:** The endowment committee approved the use of the brick and mortar funds for the stained glass repair. Use of these funds will be an agenda item on the upcoming annual agenda meeting to move forward. The board's understanding is that there is no restriction on using interest or principle as long as the funds are used for a brick and mortar purpose. Derecho-related repair is more limited than

the total work, is being paid for by insurance, and may be able to move forward before the annual meeting, depending on the vendor's availability.

- **Signage:** New signs are ready and will hopefully be installed this week.

Open Business

- **Livestreaming:** The lighting around the pulpit continues to be an issue. One of the cameras presented a technical issue today which will be looked into.
- **Update on live and livestreaming Seekers:** There has been a problem syncing the meeting number on the invite and the actual meeting number.
- Purchasing additional technology is underway to have dedicated equipment for Seekers and the meeting needs of other groups.

New Business

- Henry Rietz's Ecclesiastical Council will be this evening at 6pm.

Next meeting will be November 28, 2021.

Closing Prayer

Respectfully submitted by Liz Rodrigues, clerk