

**Grinnell United Church of Christ – Congregational
Governing Board Meeting
Sunday, February 26, 2023
12:04-12:50 pm**

Members present: Nancy Brown, Julie Eberbach, Ross Haenfler, Jean Pendleton, Liz Rodrigues; Pastor Jessica Margrave Schirm
Members absent: Molly Campe, Gayle Strickler (ill)

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ross Haenfler after an informal checking in with each other. The agenda was approved, after deleting action on the Annual Meeting Minutes that will be placed on the March meeting agenda.

Reports/Updates

Review of Treasurer's Report. Julie stated that the church was in a good financial position at the end of January. Pledged income came in about \$4,000 over the budgeted amount. Some of these pledges may have been for 2022 but received in 2023.

Review of Pastor's Report. See written report attached to Minutes. Pastor Jessica expanded on changes at the conference level that have been made to meet the Tri-Conference vote to have a balanced budget by the end of the first quarter. With the loss of full-time staff, it has been difficult to connect and reach decisions. This is affecting both clergy and elected lay people.

Continuing Business

Music Ministry Task Force. Consultant Sarah Dan has not been available for the last few meetings of the task force. After reviewing the survey data, she determined that there was not enough consensus for a workshop she was to facilitate to be effective. The task force has identified a skeleton of a plan for moving forward and will meet on Monday, February 27 to discuss further. Implementation of whatever final decisions are made may take place at the beginning of the program year.

Financial Planning. There is the expectation that the Governing Board and the Endowment Committee will work together to develop a program of planned giving for implementation in the Fall. The mod squad may want to meet with the Endowment Committee at their next quarterly meeting in April.

When the Minutes of the Governing Board meetings are sent out, Nancy requested that members respond within 7 days with any corrections, suggestions, etc. or with an OK so the Minutes can be finalized and posted shortly after the meeting.

The meeting closed with Pastor Jessica reading a prayer/poem.

Next scheduled meeting – Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 12:00 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Brown, Clerk