

General Board Meeting Minutes

November 18, 2020 – in person and via ZOOM

- ATTENDING** Pamela Jones, Beverly Tipton, Carol Madere, Debbie Poché, Dak McInnis, Rev. David Chisham, Mary Thompson, Ray Acardo, Charlene Landry, Ann Landry, Jo Craddock (Admin. Ass't.), Brenda Hilgendorf (Bookkeeper)
- ABSENT** Shelly Cody, (excused), Tony Fatta
- OPENING** Pam Jones called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m., and asked Elder Charlene Landry to offer a devotional; the focus was on anxiety in a time of COVID. Rev. Chisham offered an opening prayer, as well.
- Debbie Poché moved that the September 22 minutes, meeting previously distributed for review, be accepted into the record. Carol Madere seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.
- TREASURER** Dak McInnis was called to give the treasurer's report, referencing the document shared with the Board, including the summary of accounts, and the report of the Financial Review conducted by David Brian and Donna Embree. He moved the reports be accepted into the record. Carol Madere seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.
- PROPERTY** Rev. Chisham reported on the damage to shingles and a couple of fascia boards during Hurricane Delta, and that Cribbs had been contracted to make repairs. One fascia board was not properly repaired, and there are obvious differences in the replaced shingles to what was present on the roof. These items will be addressed with Cribbs.
- MINISTERS REPORT** Rev. Dr. Chisham distributed the attached Minister's Report, and focused conversation on Advent and Christmas observances, planning to add an 8:30-8:50 chapel-type reading, prayer, and song drive-in service during the Sundays in December. It is hoped that some not attending in-sanctuary may be more comfortable attending within their vehicles, as well as offering additional worship opportunity to those within our reach, geographically.
- Consideration to Christmas Eve services revealed wide support for the format of the 11:00 p.m. service, as well as the 5:30 p.m. family service, but that combining those also into an earlier-evening drive-in service may better meet the needs while COVID-19 cases continue to increase in our area. A survey of congregational preferences will be created and distributed in the coming weeks.
- NEW BUSINESS** Carol Madere presented the Nominating Committee's slate with motion to accept and put before the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting. Mary Thompson seconded the motion and it was accepted without opposition.
- Dak McInnis presented the 2021 Budget prepared by the Finance Committee with motion to put before the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting. Mary Thompson seconded the motion and it was accepted without opposition.

Mary Thompson made motion that the Annual Meeting be held on Sunday, December 6, 2020, in accordance with the by-laws, and that in light of the current Public Health Emergency, the meeting be held in person and via Zoom with electronic presence of members to serve same as in-person presence for attendance and voting eligibility purposes. The motion was seconded by Carol Madere and passed without opposition.

The feasibility of continuing to own the church van was introduced by Rev. Dr. Chisham, and after review of its market value, annual and expected costs, comfort concerns, and in consideration of the valuable equipment loaned by Ted Baldwin as well as his continuing volunteer time in getting our worship livestream well-running, Debbie Poché moved, seconded by Ray Acardo, that the church donate the van to Ted Baldwin, if agreed that the church lettering be removed and costs of transfer be paid by Mr. Baldwin. Pam Jones is authorized to execute an Act of Donation of this property to Mr. Baldwin. The motion passed without opposition.

Pam Jones asked that Carol Madere chair a sub-committee to study the church's actions, reactions, and opportunities presented by the pandemic crisis, and to discern opportunities for learning and growth vs. survivorship in the coming months and years. Carol has agreed to chair this sub-committee and make report and recommendations to the Board.

Pam Jones announced that Tip Tipton and Sherry "Sha" McInnis have agreed to serve on the Pastoral Relations committee, and their work moves better into gear.

ADJOURNMENT With no further business before the Board, after a prayer offered by Pam Jones, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Poché, Secretary
by Jo Craddock, Admin. Ass't.