

Minutes of ALB Meeting
April 13, 2021

Attendees

ALB: Kathy Schluter, Dick Barnes, Julie Whitney, Sharon Garrett, John Frunceck, Brady Henderson, Mike Stoehr, Craig Walker
Staff: Pastor Andrew, Pastor Janet, Pam, Nell, Dan
Guests: Laurie Jeffery, CJ Neville,

Opening Prayer - Julie opened the meeting with prayer. We expressed our sympathy to Pam on the sudden death of her brother.

Approval of Minutes - Kathy

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Devotion - Pastor Andrew

Pastor Andrew commented that we spend 10 years of our lives waiting in line and asked how long we have waited for something we wanted. Waiting can help us learn patience and patience is a quality that successful groups have. Groups with patience listen and observe members so their strengths and interests can be melded into a strong team. Churches need to consider all perspectives to learn how best to minister to their members. God is patient with us and we must learn patience with others.

Pastor's Report - All

Confirmation Sunday will be May 16.
Stewardship Sunday will be May 23.

Charge Conference - Pastor Janet

The Annual Charge Conference will take place on Monday, May 10 or 17, via Zoom. Reports are due on Friday, April 24 and should be short and in bullet form unless a specific form or format is required by the Conference. The staff will combine the reports into an easily readable summary.

Older Adult and Mission and Justice Ministry - Pastor Janet

Pastor Janet described her role with church. She visits homebound and hospitalized members as Ron Kral did but is also developing a new group for recent retirees. Her interest survey was sent to 300 retirees and received an amazing 50% response. Janet has been active in WOW and appreciates the connection it gives her to the women in the group. Janet also supports the Missions, Church & Society and Racial Diversity Teams. Finally, Janet assists with worship, giving prayers during most services and occasional sermons. She led the Service of the Longest Night at Christmas and participated in services during Holy Week.

Staff Parish Relations Report - Dick

Dick has received 15 assessments for Pastor Matt and he and Kathy will meet with Pastor Matt to discuss them on April 23.

Strategic Plan - Kathy

The Strategic Planning Team will regroup on Tuesday, April 27 to review the strategic plan and consider revisions that reflect the impact of COVID, staffing changes and emerging ministries.

Trustees - Craig

Church Roof Update - the roof is completed. On closer examination, Crandall determined that the dimples on the roof were not raised fasteners but debris and cleaned them out. We are now waiting for a statement from Firestone that the repair did not change their warranties before we pay the remaining \$21,000 to Crandall. Heating cables will be added to the front gutters this summer to prevent the ice build-up we experienced during the winter. Dan will work with Pastor Andrew to replace ceiling tiles and either carpet or tile the floor of the Youth Room. We are also waiting for clarification of the Butters-Fetting charges before paying their \$14,000 invoice. We have received a final report on the roof replacement and improvements and Pastor Matt will communicate that to the congregation.

Current Projects - a contractor expressed concerns about locating the dumpster carrel behind the 806 garage and suggested the location be moved closer to the Danbury street. No decision has been made.

Trustees are proceeding with cutting a tree in the playground down to a stump, replacing the fences between 816 and 820 and tuckpointing the chimney and other brick at 816.

Capital Projects - the Trustees are developing a list of priorities for capital projects for ALB to review.

Financial Update - Sean and Pam

FY 2020-21 Budget - there was a \$24,752.57 shortfall in March reducing the surplus for the fiscal year from \$35,868 in February to \$12,221.37 in March. Pledge and non-pledge income rose to 74% and 94% of the amounts projected, respectively, and the Lenten offering for March was \$1,850. Expenses were 73% of the total.

Capital Campaign Funds - the Capital Account balance is \$108,167. There is \$100,268 in the Future Fund.

Properties Capital Fund - the current balance is \$224,748.

Pledge Drive - Kathy

Stewardship Sunday will be May 23. We are still assembling a team and planning the campaign.

Closed Session

Dick closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting of the ALB will be held on Tuesday, May 11 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.