

Peace UCC Governing Body

Minutes October 30, 2023

Via Zoom: Cindy Tesdall, Bob Karr, Judy Connolly, Jeff Davis, Sarah Webster, Tina Robbins, Ted Loucks, Wendy Bruner, Jen Einspahr. Joni Resides Summer Wise , Carol Reinhard

Opening Tina :May you awaken to the mystery of being here And enter the quiet immensity of your own presence. May you have joy and peace in the temple of your senses. May you receive great encouragement when new frontiers beckon. May you respond to the call of your gift And find the courage to follow its path. (John O'Donohue)

Approval of minutes - click to access: [GB minutes in progress](#) (9-26-23)

Motion: Cindy

Second: Sarah

Vote: Unanimous

Ongoing discussion of priorities and strategic plan: **Bob** indicated we will work on revising the Strategic Plan to present to congregation in 2024. Wendy shared our focus - to care for the most vulnerable and the vehicles we now use and can use to extend that care. It was suggested that we might add a tab on the website to explain our journey thus far.

Updates: Housing: Wendy and Jeff Signage: Jen, CDF: Wendy

Housing: Meetings including house parties and public meetings are going well. Wendy and Jeff met with Sam Page and St. Louis County Council. Judy will contact Clark and Ted will contact Ben Allen as possible spokespeople at public meetings later this week.

Signage: Jeff submitted an application to City Hall for temporary signage to the left of the Eden driveway. Sign will include worship time. A separate application will be needed for a permanent sign. Jen was asked to explore lighting possibilities. Judy commented on poor lighting at Eden for evening events. Judy, Sarah and Tina will explore temporary lighting possibilities and Jen will speak with Eden about other solutions.

CDF: Wendy, Debbi and Darcy met with Freedom School parents on Saturday. Discussions included Freedom School during winter holidays, quarterly meetings with families with emphasis on emotional IQ and play and concerns over aging out scholars.

Finance Update:**Ted** - click to access: [2023](#) (September) Ted highlighted our revenues and expenditures. We have cancelled waste management for 204 Lockwood. Paul Kachulis will work with Tina to find ways to reduce utility costs at 204.

Budget Discussion: Ted

Ted still needs input from team leaders. He shared the budget assumptions for 2024: 1. Staff is a fixed cost in order to sustain mission and vision. 2. Closing on 204 property by October 1, 2024. 3. Increase in staff pay. (much discussion here, this may be dropped from final budget.)

Deficit assumptions: 1. funding from sale of building. 2. bridge loan from anonymous source until closing.

Wrap Up:

Asked Jen to follow up on heating issues for Chapel and Commons.

Closing/Adjournment: Judy moved, Sarah seconded for adjournment. Vote: unanimous

Executive session

Respectfully submitted Carol Reinhard