

## **Minutes for the Meeting of the Board of Trustees- August 12, 2024**

### **Board Members in Attendance**

- House Dow, President
- Louise Rovner, Vice President
- Tracy Watson, Treasurer
- Aimee Noel, Secretary

### **Board Members not in Attendance**

- Philip Kuretski, Member-At-Large

### **Others in Attendance**

- LindaBeth Nelson
- Nicole Thibadeaux

**Opening-** Opening Words were read by House Dow

**The Board Covenant** was read by Tracy Watson

We covenant to enter our work together with a positive affect and a warm sense of welcome; to be as willing to listen as we are to speak; to hear each other in a nonjudgmental way; to celebrate differences of opinion; to attend meetings; to maintain a sense of honesty to each other and to speak with kindness; to focus on goals and priorities. We also acknowledge our church's presence on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of the Gabrielino/Tongva and Chumash peoples.

**Expressions of Gratitude-** Aimee Noel thanked House Dow for doing the minutes for the last Board Meeting due to Aimee's absence. House Dow thanked Clinton Bench for continuing to follow up with the solar company.

**Appointment of Process Observer-** Tracy Watson volunteered to be the process observer.

**Adoption of Agenda-** The Agenda was adopted.

**Approval of Minutes-** July Board Meeting Minutes were approved with some edits.

**Presidents Report-** House Dow focused on the congregation starting a new ministry, not replacing Rev. Matthew McHale's ministry and acknowledging our choice, recognizing that we don't have all the answers of how things will go but feeling good about how decisions are being made.

**Treasurer's Report-** Tracy Watson reported that there has been a bit less money coming in from Head Start this month and a bit more going out while closing out Rev. Matthew McHale's ministry, but overall the finances are healthy and there are no major concerns.

**Resolution of Budgetary Surplus FY2023-2024-** It was discussed that there were contributions specifically earmarked for the principal of the solar/roof loan and the Board approved \$2800 of budgetary surplus to go toward the principal of the loan. A question came up about whether the \$2800 was in addition to the \$2100 or supplementing the difference. The Board clarified and agreed that \$2800 is approved to be paid on top of the \$2100 earmarked contributions with discretion given to the financial committee when looking at the budget surplus.

**Fall Fundraiser-** Date was set for October 19th. There is still a need for offerings.

**Buildings and Grounds-** It was reported that Clinton Bench is the point person for the solar panel company, reminding them of their contractual obligations. Rebecca LaScala got a commitment from the roofer to seal around a leak. There is an option to renew the roof warranty for an additional 5 years for \$1500. The Board approved renewing the loan, depending on Rebecca's input after dealing with the roofer because there have been reports that work was significantly delayed and not completed in the past. The Board approved a plan to replace the carpet in the office, both due to Rebecca reporting a smell after moisture and for the new ministry.

**Closed Session-** The Board went into closed session to discuss the ministerial search

**Closing words and Extinguish Chalice- House Dow**

**Dates to Remember -**

**August 17th- Campus Clean Up**

**September 12th- Board Meeting-** (moving forward, meetings will be held every second Thursday of the month at 7:30pm)

**September 27-29- Chalice Retreat at deBenneville Pines**

**September 28-29- Climate Justice Revival**

**October 10th- Board Meeting**

**October 19th- Fall Fundraiser**