**DUBLIN COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**MEETING OF CHURCH COUNCIL**

**June 18, 2024**

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| *Present:* *Assoc. Minister, Rev. Becky Sunday**Moderator, Jacob Coburn* *Vice Moderator, Neil Butler**Clerk, Diane van Deusen* *Treasurer, Jim Ramey**Finance, Brenda Rizzo**Christian Ed, Mandy Ebersole**Stewardship, Eric Williams*  | *Buildings & Grounds, Ken Bitter**Church Growth & Rolls, Dan Zuber**Fellowship, Sri Kar**Mission, no attendance**Music, Lynn Rose* *Pastoral Care, no attendance**Worship, Mike Perkins**Personnel, Candy Kennedy* |
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*Guests:* Gary Morin, DCC Foundation, Brian Redenshek, Refresh Project Financial Plan report

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was in-person in the Kennedy Room. The Call to Order was at 7:00pm by Moderator, Jacob Coburn. Rev. Becky Sunday offered an opening prayer.

Senior Minister Report: Rev. Lisa Bowersock

Currently on sabbatical through June.

Associate Minister Report: Rev. Becky Sunday

Report submitted in writing. Rev. Sunday added the Confirmands met to finalize their projects for this class year. Soon the Free Library will be moved to a new location with better visibility and access. Some of the collected books were distributed to Read to Succeed. Currently there are 8 confirmands committed for the next class with a few additions possible. Eleven members for the congregation participated in the June Pride Parade for the first time. Several UCC churches were represented. July 5 Rev. Becky will head to Germany.

Minutes: Diane van Deusen

Minutes to the May 21, 2024 meeting were made available prior to the meeting for Council members to review. A Motion to approve the Minutes was made by Candy Kennedy and seconded by Brenda Rizzo. The vote was affirmative.

Moderator Report: Jacob Coburn

Report submitted in writing. Jacob reminded Council we will not meet in July, returning in August. Enjoy the summer!!

Vice Moderator Report: Neil Butler

Report submitted in writing.

Treasurer’s Report: Jim Ramey

Report submitted in writing. Jim noted another CD will come due at the end of June, approx.. $124k + interest and another CD at the end of July, approximately $100k. We will use the monies to pay off the mortgage on or around August 5. Motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as presented was made by Candy Kennedy and seconded by Ken Bitter. The vote was Affirmative.

DCC Foundation Report:

Gary Morin reported on the DCC Foundation grant approval (highlighted in yellow):

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| **2024 DCCF Grant Submissions and Approvals as of 6/11/24** |  |  |  |
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| **RESTRICTED MUSIC:  $1,150.00 Available ($650 for music, $500 for women's activities)** |  |  |  |
| **Grant Description** | **Amount Budgeted** | **Amount Requested** | **Amount Approved** |
| WORD Speaker and Lunch (Barb Anderson) | $500.00 | $500.00 | $500.00 |
| Sheet music and/or additional musicians (Nancy Luikart) | $650.00 | $650.00 | $650.00 |
| **Totals** | **$1,150.00** | **$1,150.00** | **$1,150.00** |
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| **UNRESTRICTED:  $4,000.00 Available** |  |  |  |
| **Grant Description** | **Amount Budgeted** | **Amount Requested** | **Amount Approved** |
| Dishwasher repair (Lynn Rose) |  | $1,518.04 | $1,518.04 |
| Entryway concrete repair (Ken Bitter) |  | $4,000.00 | $0.00 |
| VBS/church picnic outdoor games (Jill DeiCas) |  | $380.00 | $380.00 |
| Partial rent for family in need (Anne's Angels/Brenda Rizzo) |  | $3,378.31 | $2,101.96 |
| **Totals** | **$4,000.00** | **$9,276.35** | **$4,000.00** |
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| **KO MEMORIAL FUND: $2500.00 Available** |  |  |  |
| **Grant Description** | **Amount Budgeted** | **Amount Requested** | **Amount Approved** |
| New handbell tables and foam pads/cover (Nancy Luikart) |  | $1,950.43 | $1,950.43 |
| Green Team bins/bags/supplies (Rebecca Shorter) |  | $227.88 | $227.88 |
| Partial rent for family in need (Anne's Angels/Brenda Rizzo) |  | $321.69 | $321.69 |
| **Totals** | **$2,500.00** | **$2,500.00** | **$2,500.00** |
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|  |  | **TOTAL:** | **$7,650.00** |
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Motion to approve the 3 grants as presented was made by Dan Zuber and seconded Mike Perkins. The vote was affirmative.

Refresh Project Financial Plan report

Brian Redenshek presented the results of the Subcommittee’s analysis and discussion regarding financing various sources vs funding directly from cash. The Subcommittee recommends a hybrid/middle ground to finance the Refresh projects through the following motions:

1. Pay off existing mortgage (not to exceed $195k) on or around August 5
2. Cash expenditures for half of the estimated cost of the Refresh Project (up to $150k for the life of the Refresh Project)
3. Establishment of a collateralized line of credit at the UCC Cornerstone Fund with deposits made into the UCC Cornerstone fund (equal to 50% of the cost of the Refresh Project, not to exceed $150k) with the intent to draw on such line of credit concurrent with the funding of the project expenditures.

Benefits of this proposal:

* Net pay down/reduction of debt of $45k or 23%
* Creates cash savings in general fund of $23k to help fund current deficits
* Locks in/fixes the net rate on our new debt at Cornerstone at 3% liquidity
* Maintains financial flexibility/liquidity ($250k of reserves would remain at Schwab)
* LOC flexibility to decide how and when to pay down the Cornerstone debt (e., future surpluses could be appropriated towards debt reduction).

Motion made to approve the Motions as presented by Brenda Rizzo and seconded by Mike Perkins. Vote was affirmative.

Finance Committee: Brenda Rizzo

Report submitted in writing. Brenda added, it is not unusual to see pledges lower this time of year.

Christian Education Committee: Mandy Ebersole

No new updates.

Stewardship Committee: Eric Williams

Eric noted the Committee continues to have a display in the Narthex to gather congregation members thoughts about “DCC is a great Place to be…..doing what?”

Buildings & Grounds Committee: Ken Bitter

Report submitted in writing.   It was noted B&G may need to meet with the Executive Committee prior to the next Council meeting.

Additionally, Steve Kranz did a wonderful job repairing the message sign wooden cap and cleaning up the UCC symbol.

Diane van Deusen and Robin Campbel continue to upgrade the grounds.

The new Green Team recycling initiative is getting a lot of attention and will continue to be addressed.

Ken noted a verbal report on ACM testing of ceiling tile in Kennedy Rm and East stairwell ahead of the final report and test results indicate the tiles are negative but the glue holding the tile to the ceiling is positive. Once the final report is published B&G will obtain costing for abatement or investigate an alternative method of installing a new ceiling. B&G is investigating the cost of abatement in case that is the route that will be required.

Personnel Committee: Candy Kennedy

Report submitted in writing.

Church Growth & Rolls Committee: Dan Zuber

Report submitted in writing.

Fellowship Committee: Sri Kar

Report submitted in writing.

Mission Committee: no attendance

Report submitted in writing.

Music Committee: Lynn Rose

Report submitted in writing.

Pastoral Care Committee: no attendance

Report submitted in writing.

Worship Committee: Mike Perkins

Report submitted in writing.

Rev. Sunday led us in the Lord’s prayer to conclude the meeting.

A Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dan Zuber and seconded by Brenda Rizzo at 8:15pm.

Respectfully submitted by Diane van Deusen, Clerk