

**UNION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 7, 2022**

Present:

Absent:

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Tim Harder		
Vice Moderator	Heather Collins		
Treasurer	Sandy Polarek		
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Benny Rieth		
Gifts & Memorials	Paco Espinosa		
Inreach & Membership	Denise Olson		
Outreach	Christie Reese	Achim Siefert	
Stewardship	Clay Reese		
Worship	Betty Bienash		
Communications Coordinator		Ruth Homrighaus Mary Ann Hudson	
JOSHUA Liaison	Jeff Gibson		
Guest(s)			

HOW DOES WHAT WE AS COMMON MINISTRY ARE DOING AFFECT THE CHURCH'S RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK?

Meeting held via Zoom. Moderator Tim Harder called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Gathering Prayer: Heather shared a reading.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Minister's Report: In addition to the work that will be reported in the Ministry reports, Bridget reported that the Suzuki Music Academy has agreed to utilize some of our second-floor spaces when they are not being used for Church functions. The Academy will utilize entrance and departure protocols similar to those being used by On the Mark. She has been involved with the WI Conference Racial Justice Task Force on voting rights issues. Election matters are likely to be on upcoming Common Council agendas. Outreach has approved having a Zoom presentation for the Church to encourage members to attend/speak at relevant Common Council meetings.

Clerk's Report

The minutes for the regular meeting of March 9, 2022 were approved (Denise/Betty).

Treasurer's Report

Sandy distributed the regular financial report (attached). The report was approved (Sandy/Gail).

New Business: None.

Continuing Business

- **In-Person Ministry Task Force:** We have made wonderful progress with singing in Church, encouraging but not mandating mask use, and having the Choir and Brass Quintet for Easter. Groups may now meet in person if they wish to do so. The Task Force continues to monitor numbers. On Easter the TV normally in the English Room will be in the chapel to provide more space for people. The PrayGround is not currently active. After discussion, it was agreed Common Ministry will meet in person in Pilgrim Hall with the option to attend remotely.
- **Solar Installation Bid:** Tim reviewed the history of the proposed project. According to the bylaws, the only financial transactions the Congregation is required to vote on are real estate transactions. Common Ministry is empowered to

make other decisions although it has been the practice to ask for Congregational approval for annual budgets and capital campaigns. The current solar project bid expires today and we are not in a position to accept it. It will be considered along with other projects as a part of the capital campaign as we evaluate and prioritize all of the needs of the church. Tim will draft a communication to the Congregation about this decision. Common Ministry is very thankful for the work that Mark Smith has done on this project, and we need to make sure Mark is aware of our gratitude.

- Capital Campaign: No updates. Bridget hopes to have a proposal on a consultant at the next meeting.
- Generosity Team Update: Thank you to Jeff Gibson for helping to write added language on the quarterly statement. Lead article in the upcoming newsletter includes encouragement toward an Easter Offering, a one-time gift to the operating budget with focus on Assistant Pastor and staffing as a component of resurrection.
- Assistant Pastor Search: Draft job description has been delivered to CM. Please comment. The team has been meeting and will be ready to post it soon.

Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)

EDUCATION

Education is creating a survey to get feedback from Congregation to help enhance programming and look for improvement opportunities.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No additions.

MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

A church picnic in the park is planned for August 14. There will be after-church coffee hours if there are volunteers to staff them. No coffee hour is planned for Easter as many folks have family plans for that day.

OUTREACH

Achim will do the prayer for May. Outreach has agreed to be the lead on voting rights opportunities for the Congregation. Bridget added that after the Outreach minutes were distributed, contributions for OGHS and Ukraine have increased by about \$1,000.

STEWARDSHIP

No additions.

WORSHIP

Betty reviewed plans for the upcoming Lenten services.

JOSHUA Report: JOSHUA has been quite active. It has established a Task Force on Immigration, which looks to expand on the work done by Catholic Charities. The Environmental Task Force is looking for more environmentally friendly ways to deal with the coal piles. There will be a statewide conference of WISDOM affiliates in Green Bay on March 30 focused on transformational justice. Jeff has joined a statewide committee on treatment and diversion which is trying to get additional money in the budget. The Immigration Cmte will host a June 25 celebration of immigrant families at Bay Beach, which will include a celebration for people who either participate in or support JOSHUA. Give Big Green Bay netted JOSHUA about \$27,000, in addition to good public exposure.

Communications Report: Bridget and Ruth continue work on website.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved. After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m. (Heather/Christie)

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Hohenstein
Clerk

Next meeting: May 12, 2022 - 6 p.m. – Pilgrim Hall
Prayer: Achim

Treasurer's Report March 2022

	Revenue	Expenses	2022	Revenue	Surplus
	2022 Actual	2022 Actual	Budgeted	2021 Actual	Remaining
January	\$58,369	\$33,638	\$75,978	\$80,947	
February	\$25,928	\$34,898	\$27,778	\$23,891	
March	\$44,998	\$36,111	\$31,381	\$29,554	
April					
May					
June					
July					
August					
September					
October					
November					
December					
Total Giving	\$129,295	\$104,647	\$135,137	\$134,392	
From Surplus	\$0		\$48,384		\$48,384
Total Revenue	\$129,295				
Expenses (thru March 31)					
Actual:	\$104,647				
Budget:	\$123,201				

Comments:

This month pledge income was \$34,298 and non-pledge income was \$10,700. Both Pledges and one time gifts were over projections for the month. Income is \$5842 less than projected income for the 1st quarter. Expenses are \$18,554 below projected expenses for the quarter. This month expenses were under budget by \$5,173. Hopefully, pledge and non pledge income will remain strong. (Since we are meeting early in the month, this report may need to be updated pending review.)

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Polarek