Minutes
Orinda Community Church Council

May 29th, 2019
OCC Library

Present: Fred Matteson, Karen Sanford, Lani Shepp, Gail Mead, Jim Brommers-Bergquist, Elizabeth Robinson, Tom Norris

Moderator's Report: OSV is working on the stairs to the garden. OSV has agreed to cover all the costs of repairing the parking lot and replacing the light fixture. All projects should be finished this summer. Tom Norris will check with St. Mark's about their experience leasing land for housing.

Internal: Gail is making a facilities inventory. Lani said there should be a committee review. A meeting will be called when the inventory is complete. LL&SF will suggest a church read of Jimmy Carter's book on the Middle East for this fall. Still working on library organization.

Tom Norris requested Council approval of several projects:

- Sanctuary lights: Tom has borrowed a scaffold to reach and diagnose light failures. He and his employee will need to rent or buy another level of scaffold. Proposed cost of $2,000 for labor to diagnose and test alternative repairs on two lights was unanimously approved. Additional costs will include scaffolding and parts.
- One of the ovens in the kitchen needs to have the thermo-coupling replaced as it is currently made of mercury. Cost of $220 plus new tubing was unanimously approved.
- Sanctuary windows need repair so that they can be more easily opened (in the summer) and closed (in the winter). Council approved repair work. No estimate at this time.
- LED tubes have been purchased to replace all fluorescent lighting. The new bulbs will bypass the ballasts used in fluorescent light fixtures. Replacement requires some wiring work. TOPS will be asked to replace bulbs in their space; training will be provided as necessary. Council approval not required.
- The water leak in the kitchen has been repaired. The asbestos removal company has not invoiced for services.

External: Karen said the Food Bank fundraising was very successful. The campus clean-up has been re-scheduled to September - maybe the 28th – and may include some simple repairs.

Several areas need to be cleaned out. Discussion of items to toss, re-use, or find other home (like choir robes). In July, OCC will prepare a dinner for the residents of Contra Costa Interfaith Housing. A letter was written to an ICE detainee through the Friends Afuera program and $50 was transferred to the detainee's commissary account. The letter was returned. Gail will try to resend and find out why the first was returned.

Treasurer: Lani asked that RoundUp be banned from use on OCC's campus. Council unanimously approved. Rental contracts with outside groups will be changed to include compensation for tasks done by Dion. Council unanimously approved.

Senior Pastor: Jim is working with Kurt Sunderbruch to put together a leadership retreat. Proposed for August 28th and looking for a nearby facility. Several were suggested. Gail will ask about the use of Wood Hall for that date. The City of Orinda asked if the lower parking lot lease might be re-negotiated to include all-day parking. This should involve extra revenue for OCC. No further action yet. Jim has agreed to participate on June 2nd in a City of Orinda proclamation of support for the LGBT community. Jim is exploring possible ways to participate in the Pride Parade. Jim has applied for a Lily Grant to fund his sabbatical next year. He will hear in August. Jim has a camera and set-up which he believes will work to develop photos for a church directory. He also has been asked to do a regular after-school wellness drop-in at Miramonte.

Associate Pastor: Elizabeth is trying to attend and many meetings and meet as many people as possible. Several congregants have asked for regular contemplative practices sessions. She is also looking at Care Teams and Parish Callers and possible training in those areas. She would like to focus more on spiritual formation. Other topics might include anti-capital punishment and embracing our aging population with book study and/or documentary.