**Orinda Community Church**

**Minutes of Church Council**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

(Continuation of 10/27/21 Meeting)

**Council Attendance:** Kurt Sunderbruch, Anne Barr, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Bob Winbigler, Gail Mead

**Clergy Attending:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Treasurer’s Update/Stewardship:** Per Lani Shepp, the budget will work out fine for 2021. Increased costs have been balanced by lower spending in other areas. Gail Mead mentioned Lloyd MacDonald’s name needs to be removed from the Schwab checks. We need to remind people to pay up their 2021 pledges so Gail Mead will provide statements for those who still owe for 2021. For the auction, items that haven’t sold online can be sold at the Sunday Pickup Party. Gail Mead can make up bid sheets. The Betty Karplus fund has reached its maximum and Elizabeth Robinson would like a list of the donors so she can thank them. There was a Betty Karplus obit in the local paper that we should send out to folks.

**Next 80 Update:**

We need an accounting for the Next 80 pledges. Lani Shepp will write an eblast item to cover the year end needs and cc it to Elizabeth Robinson by tomorrow for Brian Shepp to post. Painters are currently working on the narthex. They noticed the windows will need work when they get to the outside work and will adjust their estimate then. The Council moved and approved authorizing up to $12,000 to install new carpet in the narthex and down the center aisle of the sanctuary. Blodgett’s has the carpet in stock and will do the install. Gail Mead will coordinate the installation. Per Lani, Tom Norris has indicated the Boy Scouts are interested in doing the front wall (near the bell) so it is rock all the way around. We okayed this and will pay for it. Tom has requested a proposal from a window company (Ashby Lumber) to find out costs on replacing all the church windows with double panes. Louvers will be replaced first (probably late next year). Anna Gregory hired a new cleaning contractor—current one didn’t meet our expectations. New team will come on Thursday mornings when Anna is available.

**Boy Scouts:** Kurt Sunderbruch, Anne Barr, and Mitch Breitwieser will meet with our Boy Scout troop on 11/10 to find out about their process, records, controls, and concerns.

**Caretaker Status:** Elizabeth Robinson met with Greg McCall from S&P and he gave us the go ahead to find a student caretaker. We could provide free housing via the cottage for a Pacific School of Religion (PSR) field education student. Could offer for 6 months. We might have to do some minor work on the cottage (Internet, new showerhead). Elizabeth hasn’t heard back yet from PSR.

**Parking Update:** Elizabeth Robinson talked to Sean Barcelon about our parking problems with OSV using our spaces. He advised us to start towing the cars; only clear consequences will change the OSV parking habits. Per Gail Mead, we have a towing service (Berry Brothers) and our property is already posted for towing. Elizabeth will have Anna Gregory call Berry Brothers and confirm the steps for the towing process including who will pay what fees. We will then outline our plan, (including parking tags for OCC/TOPS cars) and implement it.

**At-Large Member Reports:** Gail Mead mentioned the Creation Justice group continues to meet and will seek church approval, as needed, for their projects.

**Vice Moderator’s Report:** Anne Barr is working to find a Vice Moderator. The Council can continue to meet via Zoom which can make it easier for folks to participate.

**Pastor’s Report:** Barry Cammer, former OCC Associate Pastor, is now working with Elizabeth to advise her and help her with preaching, some memorial services, and pastoral care (visitation). He’ll look at the church dynamics and help Elizabeth move past working in emergency mode. He’ll be paid $250 for preaching (includes prep time) and $50 per hour for his other work.

**ACTIONS:**

Lani/Gail-remove Lloyd MacDonald’s name from Schwab checks

Gail-provide statements to those who owe pledge money for 2021

Gail-make up bid sheets as needed for Sunday, 11/7 Auction Pickup Party

Lani/Gail-provide Elizabeth with a list of the Betty Karplus account donors

Elizabeth-include Betty Karplus obit from local paper in eblast

Lani-write eblast item on Next 80 accounting and cc to Elizabeth by tomorrow

Gail-coordinate installation of narthex carpet with Blodgett’s

Elizabeth-have Anna contact Berry Brothers Towing and Transit Inc to clarity towing process for our parking lot. Advise Council so it can outline a towing plan and implement it.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 17, 2021; 7:00 pm

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk