

Bell Street Chapel Board Meeting on ZOOM August 14, 2024

**Present:** Dennise Kowalczyk, Greg Greco, Ellen Kellner, Ellen Smith, Bridget Madden, Nancy Whit and Ray Perreault. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.

**Minutes:** Ellen S. moved to accept Jul.10 minutes, Bridget seconded, and they were approved.

**Action Item Review:** **Dennise** did social cider and money counting assignments for Sept. and put security camera discussion on August agenda.

**Ellen S.** bought 2 no smoking signs and Dennise will place outside each door.

**Bridget** will print out signs when elevator is finished.

**Dennise and Nancy** will look into whether or not our Church Mutual Insurance Policy requires more in the way of sensors for emergency temperature and water alerts.

**Dennise** finalized Ray's contract, sent a copy to Nancy and announced his new role.

**Bridget** researched access for the BSC zoom account.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg told Dennise his report is cash based rather than accrued accounting. Ellen K moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Bridget seconded, and it passed. Child care employees got a raise last year. We could give them a bonus this year.

**Old Business:** Clara is recommending a share the plate with the RI Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Dennise will follow up with Clara to pick a Sunday in October and Ray will work with Clara on scheduling a guest speaker to promote RICADV.

Thank you, Bridget for setting up ZOOM access for board meetings.

Dennise sent note to Kingston MA UU church that was vandalized and learned that the church received enough donations to repair the damage.

**New Business:** Board agreed to Oct. 16 board meeting date.

Bridget moved for Ray to handle requests for the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Ellen S. seconded and the motion passed.

Dennise will send date options for a board retreat at her house early in Nov.

Dennise will share UUA announcements on world events as press releases in EBlasts.

Ray and Nancy will figure out the security cameras and report back to the board. Ray has a passcode.

Evaluations for staff tabled. Dennise agreed to be cross trained by Mark to handle the tech equipment for services.

Dennise will correct Kristi's contract (\$21,294) for her signature.

Dennise, Greg, and Nancy will work on job definitions and agreements for custodian and child care staff.

Money counting and cider hosting assignments: Ellen S. volunteered Stu to bring up the cider to the shell room for after service conversation. Joanne's discussion group will be held on Sept. 8. Greg will count money on Sept. 8. Ellen S. on Sept.15, Ellen K on Sept. 22, Dennise on Sept 29. Greg will contact Joanne and look into the possibility of hosting a coffee hour on Sept. 8 as a welcome back occasion.

**Other Business:** Dennise will coordinate the clean up of Eddy Hall and announce the Gratitude Potluck in November. Dennise would like board members to assume responsibility for special projects by recruiting other church members to help.

**Landscaping:** Greg reported that we spent \$4750 last year on mowing, raking leaves, and snow removal. Ellen summarized the quote from 855-RILAWNS to clean up the front and side gardens and take down the dead tree in the lawn behind the parking lot. Ellen S. moved for an expenditure not to exceed \$1000 for landscaping provided by 855-RILAWNS. Greg seconded the motion and it passed.

**Sept. 11 Board Meeting:** In Dennise's absence Ellen S. will chair the meeting and Ray will be the timekeeper.

8:10 PM: Ellen S. moved to adjourn the meeting, Greg seconded. Motion passed.