

## **Bell Street Chapel Board Meeting on ZOOM October 16, 2024**

**Present:** Dennise Kowalczyk, Greg Greco, Ellen Kellner, Ellen Smith, Nancy Whit, Bridget Eileen Madden, and Ray Perrault.

**Meeting starts at 7 PM. Minutes from September.** Amendment for Sept. minutes to read:  
**Organ Repair Project:** Dennise is working with Gayle and Kristi to have organ repaired. Will ask Trust to contribute money. Dennise will return to Board with ideas for further discussion. Ellen K. moved to accept amended minutes, Ellen S. seconded the motion. It passed.

Board agreed to use email to vote Yes, No, or Abstain for non-controversial issues between board meetings to make better use of Time during our one hour board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Greg reported that we are in good financial shape and well in line with our budget. Ellen S. moved to approve his report, Ellen K. seconded the motion. It passed.

**Old Business:** Nancy reported on the new UUA retirement plan. Oct. 31 is the deadline for BSC to agree to participate. Bridget moved to approve the new retirement plan which will not automatically enroll employees, will not make matching contributions for folks working less than ½ time, and will contribute 10% for employees who qualify and want to participate. Ellen S. seconded to motion and it passed.

**Eddy Hall Internet Issue.** Dennise learned from Verizon that they can install new infrastructure and increase the bandwidth to 500 megabytes with the purchase of an extender. This requires a one time fee of \$200 and would increase our monthly fee by \$70 (up from \$200 to \$270 a month). Ellen S. moved to upgrade Eddy Hall internet with the changes noted in the previous two sentences. Someone seconded, and the motion passed.

**New Business: Security** at risk with old front doors. After discussion Board decided to have Dennise ask the trust if they would agree to pay for a new bolting system for the front doors.

**Lights in parking lot.** The timer needs to be replaced and we need to find or hire someone to install it.

**Worship Committee:** Board checked with Ray on how things were going. Ray wants more people from the congregation to help with welcome. Bridget agreed to help Ray set up a Worship Committee Google account.

**Operations and Facilities:** Board evaluating the possibility of hiring a parttime administrator for building maintenance.. Nancy will find a job description for building maintenance. Nancy reported that the wall inside the boiler room is deteriorating. This could be a capital improvement financed by the Trust. Dennise will check to see if they will pay for it.

**Cars in parking lot.** Dennise has flyers we can put on cars that park in our lot without permission asking them if they want to rent a space with a monthly fee.

**Christmas Eve** Dennise might coordinate a Christmas Eve potluck after Christmas Eve Service.

**Cider and money count:** Oct. 20, Ellen K., Oct. 27 Greg Greco, Nov. 3, Ellen S. Nov. 10 Greg will count (no cider with discussion group) Nov. 17 Dennise.

**Action Items:**

**Dennise:** Will post resolution of Bell Street's position on Israel/Gaza conflict on our web site ads well as social media and share it on Enews.

Will coordinate internet upgrade for Eddy Hall with Verizon.

Will ask the Trust if they will pay for new bolting system for the front doors.

Will ask the Trust if they will pay for capital improvement of the boiler room walls.

**Dennise and Greg:** Will manage the retirement renewal form with Nancy.

**Nancy:** Will look for a job description for building maintenance position.

Will ask the Trust if they will pay for a new timer and installation fee (if needed) for the night parking lights.

**Bridget:** Will help Ray set up a Worship Committee Google email address.

**Next Board Meetings:** November 13 and December 11, 7 PM on ZOOM.

**Adjournment:** Bridget moved to adjourn and Greg seconded. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.