

FUMC Church Council Agenda

February 1, 2022

5:30 PM

Via Zoom: [https://zoom.us/j/98117015946?
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Ann Burke	X	Gayle Healy	X	Duane Anders	X
Max Corbet	X	Susie Keller	X	Ben Cremer	X
Lara Disney	X	Vicki Page	X	Stacie Ballard	X
Terry Frisk	X	Jerry Panko	X	Todd Mills	
Claire Hanson				Ashlee Wetherington	
				DeeAnndra Haugland	X

- Opening prayer
 - Pastor Ben opened us in prayer
- Approval of Minutes
 - January 2022 meeting
 - Motion to approve as presented: Yes, moved to approve
- Website updates
 - Current effort to update website and possibly get a new host
 - Duane - Planned at beginning of year to assess our needs, budgeted to be outsourced, and in process.
 - Max Q - Attendance button?
 - A - It was taken down as it was giving us issues. There is a new QR code though that will take you to attendance.
- Council Committees - expectations
 - Max Q - What are the expectations moving forward?
 - Duane A - Our original thought, when church voted to move to one system council, there will be times in the year, these spaces may have extra work, budget, campus pastor, building issue, etc. In those moments, the smaller teams would meet. Technically, we all serve on all committees, though certain people get pulled out for certain things (finance, etc.).
- Opportunity for laity to attend UMC Annual Conference
 - Duane - UMC, every area, has an annual conference, ours is Oregon-Idaho, this summer, in-person, meeting with Pacific Northwest (WA, Alaska as well). Some

things would be together to review missional work, finances, etc. Half laity/half clergy for equal representation. We have 2-3 laity that can attend. June dates in Washington State. Pre-information on legislation, anything from, raising average salary of clergy to taking a stand on gun violence. Church can write legislation, puts on calendar, whole group voting. Sometimes there are debates, mostly kind debates, then voting, etc. At least 3 days, all day, etc. Can be very informative and inspirational.

- Susie - June 9-12 in Puyallup, WA, allowed 3 members of laity. We can provide more info (Bonnie McComber, and Ralph and Audrey Lawrence & Vicky have gone)
 - Lara Q - What do the expenses look like?
 - D - Great question, not sure, I think we would pay for that in the budget? Registration is free, charge of meals, conference provides an allowance for gas, up to \$100, possible hotel expenses by church.
 - Susie - I will forward to full council and if interested connect with Todd & Duane
- Financial Update
 - Ashlee is out sick. See email she sent.
 - Terry - \$244,000 great December, best since Dec. 2011. Very encouraging. Finished the year broken even, Downtown - \$216 surplus, Amity - Surplus of \$18,000. Not sure if that includes any major gifts in Dec. Christmas giving was \$55,000.
 - Duane - One of our families give once a year, they gave about \$30,000
 - Susie - If anyone has any questions, email Ashlee and she will get back.
 - Operations & Staff Update/Campus/Program Updates
 - Duane
 - Tracy and Erik resigning after 10 years at Cathedral, 30 years of ministry. What a joy to have them for so long. Average is 16 months, so we are thankful for them! We will celebrate with them. We have a working job description going, we will be revisiting all job descriptions, opportunity to do some admin help with children and youth together.
 - Adam Chitwood started in January and everything is going well! Not sure when Joe's last day would be. It is coming soon though.
 - We will need a music person at Amity, brainstorming happening to how we fill the gaps. If you can think of anyone, please send them our way!
 - Max Q - Has Adam been introduced yet?
 - DeeAnndra - This week in an email!
 - Max - So great at Amity, loved visiting, nicest people! Visit on a Monday, it is very rewarding!

- Ben
 - We upgraded Tyler's hours from 10-30 hours a week. He stepped away from other job, and can help so much now! Very dedicated to Amity, which is amazing.
 - Ricki was the best decision as an Amity Pastor, she has ministered to families so well and coordinated with P. Stacie. We would love to upgrade her hours to 30 hours, but she has another job right now. Trying to balance it all out.
 - We have gotten some substantial gifts, one from \$10,000 from someone who attends online, relationship with Amity in the past, few others \$2000 plus.
 - Jim who leads Community Garden stepping down this summer, knee surgery in summer, prayer for who would like to step into that position. Also, this will give us opportunity to review Amity's garden and what we can do with it. Looking at refugee crops, local garden non-profit who partner with refugee families, both Food Pantry and Garden are expanding and serving our community.
- Stacie
 - This last Sunday, children teacher training infants - preschool training, went over safety measures, changing diapers, cleaning, stranger danger, wide variety of things, partnered with Heather from KASP. Great connection point.
 - This upcoming Sunday opening new infant room, open-6th grade, still not enough volunteers to open full classrooms, encouraging families to download Church Center App, they can pull up their family profile, scan phones downstairs, families checking in on KIOSK, great safety measures!
 - Attended Love beyond Borders - curriculum for youth, Dave and Pete partnership with VBS this year. Everything we are planning, holding loosely. Celebrating Cremer baby this upcoming Sunday after service. Masks one, etc. Riding the waves.
- Duane
 - Interfaith Sanctuary conversation continues, protest on Saturday with Rabbi Dan to keep peace, that did stay peaceful for 2 hours that Duane was there. Invited Jodi speak briefly this weekend of next, to see what she needs to support this work and move to State Street. Watch for more information on that, if not written Boise Council, please send support.
 - Max Q - What is the next step for Interfaith? Is there a Plan B?
 - Duane - Goes to City Council next, not sure if it can be appealed after City Council? Can still write on City Council. Haven't heard of any Plan B. They are under contract with building, and their current building is under

contract. Boise Rescue Mission wrote a terrible op-ed in regards to keeping certain rules. Prayers for wisdom.

- Not sure if General Conference is not going to happen this year, hard time getting visas for everyone. Postponed most likely, maybe Bishops will meet, NWL usually in March, not good time right now,
 - NLI - Bishop Karen Oliveto, she said to let's do it in May (first Thursday and Friday) Putting rest of faculty together, please continue to pray and we try to figure this out. So many starts and stops.
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- Call for agenda items for next meeting
 - Racial equity presentation
 - Bishop needs 60 minutes, conversation with what we a church doing for racial diversity, where we stand, etc. via Zoom. Additional 30 minutes talk to staff Parrish on Clergy care. First hour including clergy, last 30 minutes without clergy. We need a separate date for this other than or monthly meeting. Duane will see if she sent dates and send to Susie.
 - Website update
 - Closing prayer
 - Pastor Stacie closes us in prayer