

# FUMC Church Council Agenda

March 1, 2022

5:30 PM

Via Zoom:

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Ann Burke	X	Gayle Healy	X	Duane Anders	X
Max Corbet	X	Susie Keller	X	Ben Cremer	X
Lara Disney		Vicki Page	X	Stacie Ballard	X
Terry Frisk	X	Jerry Panko	X	Todd Mills	X
Claire Hanson				Ashlee Wetherington	X
				DeeAnndra Haugland	X

- Opening prayer
  - Todd opens us in prayer
- Review of Minutes
  - February 2022 meeting
    - Council approves Feb minutes
- Website updates
  - We are currently contracting with a company. Svend is super busy and we are trying to help Svend get information to new company. Website is 2 years behind, but we are working on it.
  - We have lost wifi during service on Sundays, getting Micro-tech in to assess
- Council Committees - expectations
  - We will continue to assess and address the roles and expectations of council. Nothing written or specific right now. Will follow up back to this.
  - Will work on dividing up work, Todd & Duane can look further into this.
  - Amity - Duane and Ben had an interview with someone who was interested from Amity campus. This last Sunday, who served on council before, who would like to be the council. Going to bring this to focus at Serve Fest this upcoming Sunday.
- Opportunity for laity to attend UMC Annual Conference
  - Please see notes from February Council Meeting

- Annual Conference for Oregon/Idaho going online only. As we get closer, Todd and Duane will make links available. Most things are public though.
- Financial Update
  - See email from Ashlee
  - January - great Downtown just above budgeted contributions. Amity was a little behind, expenses were lower though.
  - February - Downtown and Amity just over budgeted for contribution giving
  - Investments not doing great currently, hopefully things will level and rebound
  - Investments are held in 2 separate accounts, Charles Schwabb, Velma and Legacy fund. Joint investment account (maintenance, capital fund, etc.) at US Bank. Our advisors turned over, finance committee will meet new advisors. Important meeting so they know investment policy, hopefully beginning of April.
- Operations & Staff Update
  - Not going to do geothermal due to overall cost, several million dollars. Would need to update our heating system and pipes in building. Everything completely redone. Even if we did that, it would not be efficient enough to offset expense, working only 60% of time to heat, then backup system would kick in. If we were to get some kind of grant, we could possibly do something. We will continue investigating getting the rest of windows done, long term efficiency, maybe tap into solar. Working on our carbon footprint, etc.
    - If you want to read about it, we can send you the engineering report on why we can't do this.
    - Solar Hot water systems (kitchen is on a separate one), solar hot water and pump, doing well, our electric usage should drop a lot, especially in summertime.
  - Team Building with staff currently with Mark Traylor. 3 Thursdays, 3 hours of team building. Zoomed, in-person and recording for all staff. Help staff understand each other.
  - Spending time on open positions. Interviewing for Wesleyan Director by end of March, on board beginning of April. Margaret is able to work for a month next school year if they can't crossover being there. Youth Director job description just went out. Looking at someone coming in to help with volunteers at both campuses. Help recruit with leadership.
  - Todd hopes to come to you with hiring a new Discipleship person that might possibly come on staff soon. Connection for new people, work on small group ministry as we come out of Covid.
  - Looking at hiring an Administrative Assistant for Youth/Children's Ministry 15-20 hours a week, 4-5 hours Sunday. This would help Stacie immensely!
- Campus/Program Updates

- Duane: See Duane's email sent to council
  - Proposal for renewal leave/Duane's sabbatical (board, cabinet, change of appointment)
    - Choosing renewal leave over sabbatical due to the amount of work
    - Walk the Camino (30-35 days)
    - Healthy, happy, need to renew and end season healthy
    - Todd working on preaching team (Ben, Stacie, Todd, Pastor Steve, local people, etc.)
    - Still need to run by DS, next week...
    - Met with Jerri Walker, Care Team, they met last Thursday to have a team in place for Care before Duane leaves. Working on joys and concerns, on call, nursing homes, etc.
      - Susie: I'll Push You - Book - GO READ IT! :)
      - Do you need anything from council?
      - Duane: Not really, but maybe a vote in agreement
    - Dates end of May - mid/end July (1st of June to start walk)
    - Council approves this! YA!
  - June 11th - House building project at Amity
  - May 5th-6th - NWLI - Bishop Oliveto. She is speaking on the 5th
  - Boise School District mask mandate after Spring Break to mandatory to voluntary. We will probably do the same, except the Children's Ministry downstairs. Unless numbers go up, we are okay with that. We will let people know that, keep mask signs up at the church, but most likely the big banner down. Thinking through what that means for choir, etc.
  - Sending this information in next week's email most likely
    - Any objections or concerns?
  - Former Lee Window, Joe working on putting it together, building frame for Black History Museum, hopefully by end of March/ beginning of April ready to hand off.
  - Interfaith Sanctuary hearings are next month, Mon-Thursday/Monday hearings. Asking churches to pick a date, show up in support with t-shirts in support of them. Coalition of churches buying a billboard saying they support Interfaith. Call every week for faith leaders, let Duane know if you want to be included.
  - Trustees update:
    - Replaced 8 of the single pane Windows in Downtown and all Amity. 25-30 more windows need to be replaced downtown around 50,000. Beginning that work primarily in preschool area first.
    - Meeting next Tuesday night, Duane needs one of you as well, Boise High getting rid of tennis courts, expanding their track

around football losing parking lot for what we use on Sundays. No date yet.

- Similar issue at Amity, Victory to Amity Road, they are thinking through what that road should look like. Looking at different ways to improve road. Year and a half away right now. We just don't want to lose any of entrances.
- Watch your email this week, tearing up street in front of church Downtown. Road closures on 11th, have to come in through alleyway to get to parking lot.

○ Stacie

- Officially moved to Boise this last weekend! New home, living in chaos right now.
- Children's Church continues to pivot due to staffing. Combining 3rd-6th grade, ratios have been great. Cover all our bases
- Members are continuing to grow, check-in systems going great and knowing who has come, reach out to follow up new members, etc.
- 2 Kiosks to help run efficiently Sunday morning
- Amity has all the equipment as well with check-in process
- Looking at Easter, planning on doing Easter egg hunt at Amity as well as fundraiser, holding this loosely. Currently, it is confirmed
- July 8-9th - Family Camping in the back of Amity to help with families with littles, bring more of the community in.
- VBS - July 29-30th, family VBS instead, "Loving your Neighbor" theme

○ Ben

- Welcome desk - Rex & Joe Prin working together to make the desk, new flat screen with announcements for both campuses, IPAD as well. Adding granite countertop to Welcome Desk in March. Tyler mans the desk during services and has been great.
- Ricki getting children's check-in system integrated.
- Austin (Ricki's fiancé) heading up Youth on Sunday at 9am. Around 5 teens showing up.
- Preparing for paternity leave, pastor Todd stepping in on March 20th - May 15th. Pastor Keene, Pastor Steve, Pastor Todd will step-in. Pastor Ben will be teaching on Easter. Pastor Steve point of contact for Amity and possible one day of office hours at Amity. Working on this currently.
- Jim Dawson stepping down from garden ministry, looking for volunteer in his absence, looking at how we use this, possible partnering with refugee community, explore housing, etc.

Questions:

Jerry: Do we have investments in Russian Banks? Legacy does not have any foresight investments, only domestic, not sure about US Bank fund. Ashlee will look into this.

- **Call for agenda items for next meeting**
  - **Next Council Meeting - April 5th Meeting possibly in-person**
  
- **Closing prayer**
  - **Pastor Duane closing us in prayer**