

Friends Church Council Highlights July and August 2021

Toni Klemm, Council Secretary

Friends UCC Council convened via Zoom on July 26 and August 23, 2021, led by Cathy Hansen, the newly elected council moderator. In attendance were also Pastors Dan and Trent, Tami Dudo (Diversity and Inclusion Representative), Brian Gilson (Congregational Rep), Jacque Halverson (Congregational Rep), Bill Harper (Deputy Moderator of Trustees), Toni Klemm (Council Secretary), Loretta Mendez (Treasurer), Theresa Walker (Acting Relief Treasurer), Jodie Robinson (Deputy Moderator of Programs), and Jackie Womack (Vice Moderator).

Lots of planning and business attended to in the last two months. Here are some highlights:

- The newly relaxed COVID mask requirements were approved in July, but were quickly reinstated due to the increase in local COVID cases.
- New appointments to Church Leadership were approved: Kim Cabrera (Senior Pastoral Relations, 2-year position) and Ryan Womack (Worship chair, 1-year position).
- The Stewardship chair and one position on Senior Pastoral Relations (each 1 year) are currently open. Church Council will approve new appointments when determined.
- Council approved Theresa Walker as Acting Treasurer while Loretta Mendez is on temporary leave. See the Treasurer's report below.
- Doris Machinski accepted a position on the Executive Committee of the Heart of Texas Association.
- The Servant Leader Summit, led by Pastor Dan, took place on August 15 via Zoom. In addition to learning about each other, breakout groups suggested ideas and activities for the Church to further serve the community, for example, bike repair, community garden, hybrid Sunday school'
- The church office is open Monday – Friday from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and will be staffed by Friends volunteers and the Administrative Assistant, Kate Rabe.
- Roof installation is finished, so solar panels and gutters can be re-installed.

Upcoming events announced and discussed:

- Wednesday night gatherings will resume in a hybrid format (in-person and virtual) on Wednesday, September 1 at 6:30 pm.
- Pastor Dan will lead a 3-part series on Christian Nationalism starting September 14 (Tuesdays) in a hybrid format.
- Youth will be leading both church services this Sunday (August 29).
- Also on August 29th, Christian Education and Fellowship will host an outdoor brunch in between the early and the late service (9:50-11:00 am) for fellowship and conversation with parents, children and youth regarding engagement during worship, Sunday school, and other activities.

- Sunday, October 10 will be the next Congregational Meeting after church. More details will be forthcoming.
- A Servant Leader and Family Retreat will be held at the Robinson's in October.
- Leadership is working hard to encourage and support engagement, connection, and fellowship as we adjust to regathering safely, especially for worship, Sunday School, Small Groups, and youth activities.
- A part-time AV/Tech person is still being sought. The position is being advertised and applications are being reviewed for interview.

Treasurer's Report for June and July 2021

	Monthly Budget	Jun-21 Actuals	Jul-21 Actuals	2021 Budget	Year to Date thru 7/31/21 Actuals
Donation & Misc. Income	\$ 35,108.94	\$ 27,336.90	\$ 33,583.91	\$ 421,307.20	\$ 241,546.17
Expenses	\$ (36,995.06)	\$ (29,733.59)	\$ (34,568.74)	\$ (443,940.18)	\$ (233,086.94)
Net Income	\$ (1,886.12)	\$ (2,396.69)	\$ (984.83)	\$ (22,632.98)	\$ 8,459.23
Mortgage Principal Balance at EOM (July 31, 2021)			\$ 87,085.84		