

Friends Congregational Church, United Church of Christ – Church Council Minutes
 June 21, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m.

Vision: Rooted in the way of Christ, we strive to be a community of God’s radical inclusion and extravagant welcome.

Mission: United by the example of Jesus, we live faithfully, love limitlessly, and serve boldly.

Core Values: Spirituality, Inclusivity & Affirmation, Community, Justice, Stewardship

Attendees:

X	Angela Calise	x	Brian Gilson	x	Loretta Mendez	x	Kelly Wellman
x	Dan De Leon	x	Cathy Hansen		Christine Tata	x	Trent Williams
x	Jill Fouch	x	Bill Harper	x	Anne Wehrly		

1. **Opening Story/Invocation** – Anne Wehrly reflected on the history of Friends church becoming Open and Affirming.
2. **Review of minutes from previous meeting** –Thanks to Brian for taking minutes for May. **Cathy moved that minutes be approved as submitted. Angela seconded. Motion carried.**
3. **Treasurer’s Report** was presented by Loretta Mendez . We are setting aside \$1000 per month to pay down the mortgage for the months coming up. (See June Treasurer’s note on Page 3.)
4. **Old Business**
 - a. AV/Tech position – Kelly Wellman/Trent Williams --we have received one application for this position. One of the morning productions people from KBTX has applied. Christine suggested at the last meeting that that we may want to have a tech person be in some part of our church structure. Kelly agreed that discussion around this be continued.
5. **New Business**
 - a. Kelly reported that the following individuals had been approached and have agreed to the designated positions.
 - i. Diversity Equity and Inclusion Representative – Tami Dudo
 - ii. Senior Pastoral Relations – Still being determined
 - iii. Associate Pastoral Relations – Maggie Gartner

Anne moved and Angela seconded the motion that Tami and Maggie be appointed by council to the designated positions. Motion carried.

Kelly let us know that Janet Richards had stepped down as Worship Chair. A search to fill that position is underway.
6. **Senior Pastor’s Report** –Dan reflected on his time away and on his recent return from sabbatical. He announced that the church office will reopen next Monday (June 28th) 9 am to 1 pm. Work on air conditioner may affect this timetable.
7. **Associate Pastor’s Report** – Trent will be attending Boys State in Mass in an official capacity. He has been elected to be Vice President for the South Central conference board.

8. **Report from Congregational Representatives** –Jill and Brian reported that the nominating committee had positions for the 2021-22 leadership filled except one. Brian shared that he was thankful that we are now in person in worship He pointed out all the work that it took to make that happen. It was felt that Trent did the lion’s share of the work. Kudos to Trent!
9. **Report from Deputy Moderator for Trustees**-Bill reported that the last month has been consumed with contractors and insurance adjusters. New HVAC will be installed on office side of building on June 21st. The new roof is slated to be started on July 26th. New swings have been installed on the playground.
10. **Report from Deputy Moderator for Programs** – Angela reported that Christian Ed and Fellowship are working on summer events for the church.

Since this is our last meeting before a new council takes over in July, Kelly gave her thanks to everyone. Cathy thanked the outgoing members for their service to Friends Church.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48.

11. Calendar reminders

- a. July 26 – Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm

Respectfully and faithfully submitted,

Anne Wehrly
Council Secretary

Action taken via email on June 24th.

Dan informed council via email of an opportunity to support an initiative of Texas Impact that was time sensitive. On **June 24 Anne moved (via email motion) that Friends Church co-sponsor the Texas Impact *Let My People Vote* faith-based nonpartisan voting rights campaign and rally at the Texas Capitol. Motion was seconded by Brian. Motion carried.**

May 2021 Treasurer's Notes
Church Council Meeting
June 14, 2021

Operating Budget Notes:

Donation & Misc. Income	\$ 32,774.67
Expenses	\$ 27,719.31
Net Income	\$ 5,055.36

Year to Date Net Income \$ 21,231.68

Operating Balance at EOM: \$ 6,941.48

Mortgage Notes:

Mortgage Payment	\$ 1,764.22
Capital Bank Balance at EOM	\$ 80.00
Mortgage Principal Balance at EOM	\$ 95,322.57

Bank Account Balances

Operating Account	\$ 275,633.60
Pastor's Account	\$ 1,143.21
Reserves	\$ 50,289.77
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Other Notes:

- 1) The month ended with a positive of \$5,055.36
- 2) The mortgage payment included additional \$80 toward the mortgage principal