



# BOT Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 19, 2022 – 7:00 pm – Zoom

## 7:05 Check In.

**In Attendance:** Marsha von Dessonneck, Rick Ross, Tom Frye, Rev Alex da Silva Souto, Linda Mercurio, John Bohland, and Hank Florence. (Ann Denison and Gary Koerner could not attend.)

**7:10 Lighting the Chalice.** Opening words: Hank.

Who will do the opening words next month: Linda.

## 7:12 Financials for September.

**Discussion:** As a group we reviewed the **Budget vs. Actuals: Profit & Loss** statement for September 2022 and the **Balance Sheet** for the month ending September 2022. Nothing out of the ordinary was detected. There was one notable exception: **Pledges** seemed a little short for the month, but otherwise we are on target. The financial reports were quickly and unanimously approved.

**7:15 Thank You Notes.** Thank you notes will be sent out to those who helped with the Street Fair.

- Hank will send out Thank You Notes to Jeff Chamberlain, John McCall, and Javier Rivera.
- Marsha will send out Thank You Notes to Kirsten Badertscher, Anne White, and Vicky Jungers.
- Linda will send out Thank You Notes to Amy Evans, Joan Lacktis, and Stevie Rea.
- Linda will also reach out to Eaton Interpretive Services.

## 7:18 Roof Project Roundup.

**Discussion:** The roof repairs are now finished. The total cost was \$42k and that leaves a remainder of \$38k for the HVAC systems.

## 7:20 Meeting Minutes.

BOT meeting minutes for September were reviewed. Linda moves to approve. Hank seconds it. The BOT meeting minutes for September were unanimously approved.

**7:23 Comments on the letter to the congregation about Rev. Alex.** There were none. We are good.

**7:30 Form Property Development/Futures Team** [Rick Ross, Marsha von Dessonneck, Tom Piette, Rev. Alex, Javier Rivera, + self-identified woman? Colleen Grim, Anne White, KP Hollon Miller (non-binary)] Bob Niblack has decided to pass. Rev. Alex will contact Anne and KP. Tom will contact Colleen.

**7:36 One Service or Two?** The decision of one service for now was sent to the congregation. This is now a done deal.

**7:40 ASL Interpretation for Services.** There was a lot of discussion. Randy Nèmeth was mentioned as

a source of information for Eaton Interpretive Services. We discussed the current and future needs of the congregation, as well as how offering ASL could attract people who are hearing-impaired. We also discussed the differences between ASL interpretation and open- and closed-captioning. This discussion will be continued in the future. Linda and Rick have volunteered their time to help make this a reality.

**8:16 Minister's Report.** The minister's report was discussed briefly but was deferred as some members had not been able to read it prior to the meeting.

**8:26 Discussion on the COM.** The use of the COM was discussed as it has been used in the past with a discussion as to whether it could be used at this point. It was felt that at this time it was not needed. It was felt that further discussion was needed regarding its use.

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, November 16 at 7 on Zoom. An interim meeting may be scheduled for the next week after everyone is able to check their schedules.

**Breeze Account Communication and Discussion.** Will be tabled until the next meeting.

**Right Relations.** Will be tabled until the next meeting.

**9:11 ACTION Items Review.** For the benefit of the BOT Secretary, we quickly reviewed the list of Thank You Notes to be sent out, and other action items for members investigating ASL interpretation.

**9:15 Adjourn.** This meeting lasted 105 minutes. We adjourned quickly in hopes that we could meet again for a Restorative Session before the next monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

### **Our Team Liaisons Assignments:**

Marsha -

- Stewardship/Fundraising

Ann -

- Finance
- Membership

Linda -

- Children/Youth RE

Tom -

- Denominational Affairs

John -

- Buildings and Grounds
- Adult RE

Rick -

- Social Justice

Hank -

- Caring Committee
- Worship
- Communications

**Bike Rack:**

- **Breeze Account Communication and Discussion.**
- **Right Relations.**

