

## **Congregational Board Meeting - February 7, 2017**

### **Opening**

Leeann Blundell called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with a prayer.

### **Minutes from January Meeting**

Leeann Blundell asked the board to review the minutes from the January 10<sup>th</sup> board meeting. When no corrections or additions were suggested, there was a motion to approve, which was seconded, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

### **Vision of Ministry**

Leeann Blundell reminded the board of the forecasted flow of events for the open questions process. After a summary, Ms. Blundell asked the board to consider using the congregation's current vision of ministry for the next fiscal year. (The current vision follows two themes: first, to revitalize worship and broaden its appeal; second, to invite people into small groups where they will feel included, grow spiritually, and be inspired to serve others.) Discussion followed, which included the suggestion that data from the senior minister discernment surveys will help guide the board in creating a new vision of ministry in the future. The board chose to continue the same vision of ministry at present, rather than continue the open question process for the remainder of this term.

Ms. Blundell took time to outline some board actions for the remainder of the 2016-2017 leadership year. Questions were fielded, and discussions were had about how the open question process could be better explained to new board members in the future.

### **Finances**

Lynn Cockle reported that the actual income of the church, to date, is less than budgeted, but expenses are also less, resulting in a +\$43,000.00 gain. Ms. Cockle elaborated upon several items of note in the finance report, including that administration expenses are high due to several projects and personnel expenses are low due to staff vacancies. It was also reported that Outreach has grants under review at this time. Following the report, the board was given the opportunity to ask questions.

**Leadership Nominations**

Scott Glasrud discussed the process for nominations for congregational leadership roles the 2017-2018 year, and distributed leadership nomination forms to the board. All members of the board were encouraged to complete nomination forms and submit them to the church office as soon as possible. Steve Bough detailed the reasoning for the need for more deacons. Mr. Bough then facilitated a discussion on the Governance task force. Discussion followed.

**Adjournment**

Citing no further business, Leeann Blundell called the meeting to a close.