

## USG Board Minutes for 8/27/19

In attendance: Nancy Anderson, Andrea Barsevik, Maggie Beaumont, Zachary Bosco-Dwornik, John Davis, Jenn Leiby, Jess Slivak, Debbie Ward

1. July Minutes were approved.

2. MET Report

3. Organ Presentation Proposal

Charles Gabriel and Lynne Kalish attended to ask the Board to approve applying for a matching grant to have the USG organ refurbished. A local organization (Sacred Spaces) is offering a one-time matching grant to churches looking to repair organs. According to a report submitted by Mark Dougherty, the organ can be repaired to about 93% functionality with a \$30,000 investment. There is \$15,000 that can be used in the Music Ministry Fund for this grant.

The Board approved going forward with this application for the grant, with \$15,000 coming out of the Music Ministry Fund to cover USG's portion of the repair, with the motion that if we do not receive this grant, this issue will be readdressed before anything is done with the organ.

4. Capital Campaign Update

Bill Dowdall presented an update on the Capital Campaign and elevator. The funds leftover after paying for the elevator will be negligible, and not enough for an improved driveway. One reason for this is that we have a big problem with water issues on our property. Not all of the expenses from the elevator have been paid to date, a final accounting is hoped for by the end of September. One issue with the driveway entrance is the PECO pole – it would cost \$5,000 to have it moved so the apron could be enlarged. This pole is a problem because fire trucks cannot turn right into the driveway, which is a concern because of the nursery school. The driveway project does NOT include a parking lot, it is only the driveway that is part of the Capital Campaign. The elevator is fully functional and approved for general usage.

5. New Sanctuary Movement Update

The Board unanimously approved joining the New Sanctuary Movement.

Maggie Beaumont and John Davis have volunteered to join a group to explore how we can move forward with our partnership.

6. Large Ticket Items

We have a number of expensive items in front of us to address and decide if/how we are going to fund them in the months to come:

- 1) Door Locks – Our security is badly in need of upgrading
- 2) Parking Lot

3) Electronic Sign for Lincoln Drive and new sign for Johnson St

4) Stained Glass Windows – in need of repair

These items are in addition to the Driveway project, and need to be prioritized.

7. Board Retreat – Saturday, November 9 9-12

8. Upcoming Events:

Sept 8 – Water Communion/Potluck

Sept 24 – Board Meeting

Oct 19 – Cluster Summit