

PRAIRIE BOARD MINUTES

06-10-2020

7:00 pm On-line

IN ATTENDANCE: CLARK, ANDREW, VIVIAN, BRENDA, BILL, AJ, CAROL, CALISSE; Kim M. and Melissa B.

- I. CALL TO ORDER, CLARK
- II. CHALICE LIGHTING, READING, AND TOUCHSTONES, Clark
- III. CHOICE OF MEETING EVALUATOR, ANDREW
- IV. CHECK-IN OF BOARD MEMBERS
- V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM May MEETING; APPROVED
- VI. YOUTH REPORT, Molly NOT IN ATTENDANCE
- VII. MINISTER REPORT, AJ
 - a. TRANSITIONS ARE GOING WELL, SERVICES GOING WELL, PAUL AND ERIC DOING SO MUCH, SOCIAL ACTION IS TAKING PLACE, PEOPLE ARE ENGAGED AND OUR STAFF IS FUNCTIONING WELL
- VIII. FINANCIAL REPORTS, CLARK
 - a. OUR BANK ACCOUNT IS IN THE BLACK THANKS TO A COUPLE THINGS SUCH AS A COUPLE ONE-TIME GIFTS, SAVING ON MONTHLY RENTAL EXPENSES BECAUSE OF THE PANDEMIC CLOSURES, AND SEVERAL PLEDGING NEW MEMBERS
- IX. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. REVIEW ACTIONS FROM 05/20 MEETING; DONE
 - b. FINAL APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS WAS MADE ONLINE/EMAIL AND WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE CONGREGATION ON 6-14-2020
 - c. 'VIRTUAL MEMBER' HAS BEEN ADDED TO THE MEMBERSHIP DATABASE UNDER CONNECTION CATEGORIES. A NEW GRAPH WAS CREATED TO HELP WITH TRACKING
 - d. THE STEWARDSHIP CAMPAING IS COMPLETED THOUGH WE'LL STILL SEE A FEW PLEDGES TRICKLE IN
 - e. THE PPP SMALL BUSINESS LOAN IS BEING USED. OF COURSE, WHAT ISN'T USED WILL BE RETURNED. WE HEAR THE PAYBACK MAY BE EXTENDED BUT IS TBD
 - f. BILL PROPOSED A BALANCED BUDGET THAT COMES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND A 'BRIEF' OF THAT BUDGET WILL BE OFFERED AT THE UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING. BILL ENCOURAGES US ON THE 2020-2021 BOARD TO BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE RECENTLY EXPERIENCED SEVERAL CASES WHERE PRAIRIE HAS RECEIVED MONIES THAT PRAIRIE CANNOT COUNT ON COMING THROUGH AGAIN WHEN SETTING A BUDGET. THESE CASES ARE NOTED IN THE 'TRANSFERS FROM AUDIT' PORTION OF THE PRESENTED BUDGET
 - g. NOMINATIONS ARE COMPLETE AND THE SLATE WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 - h. PLANS ARE UNDER WAY FOR THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING ON 06-14-2020
 - i. CLARK AND A FEW OTHERS HAVE GOT THE PRAIRIE GARDEN UNDERWAY; CLARK WILL SCHEDULE AN OPEN SPACE CLEAN-UP SOON WITH HOPES OF GETTING TO THAT CLEAN-UP ONCE A MONTH
- X. NEW BUSINESS

- a. PRIDE PARADE IS CANCELLED SO HOW DO WE SUPPORT OUR LGBTQ COMMUNITY AT THIS TIME? CONSIDERATION IS BEING GIVEN BY THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE
 - b. NEXT BOARD MEETING IS ON 07-08-2020
 - c. AJ IS OFF FROM 06-2020 THROUGH 08-2020 FOR STUDY TIME
 - d. CLARK SAYS... "THANK YOU TO ALL BOARD MEMBERS FOR MEETING THE UNIQUE CHALLENGES OF THIS LAST YEAR."
- XI. ACTIONS NOTED FROM THIS MEETING; **SEE BOLDED AND UNDERLINED ABOVE, PLEASE**
 - XII. EVALUATION OF MEETING; ANDREW SAYS IT WAS A VERY PRODUCTIVE MEETING
 - XIII. CLOSING READING AND EXTINGUISHING OF CHALICE; CLARK. **VIVIAN WILL BE CHALICE PERSON NEXT MEETING ON JULY 8/2020, 7PM, ONLINE**

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