

**First United Methodist Church  
Governance Board Meeting (ZOOM)  
July 18, 2022 7:00 PM**

Members Present: Pastor Duane Carlisle, Amanda Rowe, Don Caddy, Anna Clark, Tim Delworth, Larry Huggins and John Norberg.

Opening prayer

- Pastor Duane opened meeting with prayer.

Meeting Agenda Approved

Financial News - Larry Huggins

- Connie Hensley's estate has gifted the church a stock gift of \$499,900.00 dollars.
- Giving for the past year has held steady from 2021. This is the first year that there has not been a decline in the last five years.

Pastor's Report and SPRC matters – Pastor Duane Carlisle

- Kory Pritchett: Pastor Duane reported that Kory Pritchett is pursuing a journey toward licensing for preaching with the denomination. He will submit his intent to be approved to the SPRC who will need to interview him for this purpose and vote on his approval.
- Church Director of Music and Arts: Pastor Duane shared that he had met with Charis Vander Plaats who has been our interim pianist for most Sundays throughout May, June and July. Pastor Duane believed that Charis Vander Plaats' church musician experience and ministry in the world (as a music teacher at Jefferson High School) aligned with FUMC's mission and values. He felt her experience made her an excellent candidate to work at First Church with our music ministries. A group representing various music ministries met with Charis Vander Plaats on June 29th and interviewed her. They enthusiastically recommended her to be hired. Lay leader Anna Clark was part of that meeting and gave report of the group's approval.
- Pastor Duane provided a part-time job description that he and Haewon Yang had prepared with the description of duties and expectations.
- Don Caddy moved Charis Vander Platts be offered the position of Director of Music and Arts. Tim Delworth seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Note: Charis Vander Plaats accepted the position and begins August 1<sup>st</sup>.

Other Business (Reporting information. No action required)

Counting Team - Anna Clark

- John Jones has requested help with finding more counters to volunteer with the counting team on Monday mornings. The current team is John Jones, Harold Doremier and Jack Gaunt. Jack Gaunt would like to step away from this ministry. It would be good to have at least two additional volunteers.

International Student Dinner - John Norberg

- Shared progress on the International Graduate Student Dinner and Program that FUMCWL is hosting in August.
- Cooks and helpers from FUMCWL are lined up.
- He is looking for volunteers to host and set up on Sunday the 14th.

Trustee - Don Caddy

- FUMCWL Foundation is paying for electrical access in the parking lot for events. The work is scheduled for August.
- FUMCWL Foundation is paying for painting. Prep work will take place in summer, but the painting will wait until cooler weather in the fall because it provides better conditions for good paint application.

Concerns:

- Security for large events.
- Don suggests Purdue Police. He has had good experience with their response to community issues. He suggests that we reach out to them when we have events.
- Is there a policy on carrying concealed weapons in our church? Board will investigate.

Closing Prayer by Pastor Duane

**Meeting Minutes submitted by Amanda Rowe and Pastor Duane Carlisle**