

# DRAFT: TRINITY BIBLE SHEPHERDING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 19, 2021

*“We make disciples who make disciples.”*

Lay Shepherds and Pastors: (C=Chair, VC=Vice-Chair, S=Secretary, NV=Non-voting member)

<u>Until '21</u>	<u>Until '22</u>	<u>Until '23</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Exc Jeff Sutton	X Paul Herring <sup>VC</sup>	Exc Steve Riggs	X Peter Salmon <sup>C</sup>
X Eric Hruby	X Marty Colwell <sup>S</sup>	X Doug Keiser	Exc Steve Bailey <sup>NV</sup>
			X Brian Bremner <sup>N</sup>

## I. CURRENT DISCUSSION ITEMS

- A. *The primary focus on this meeting via Zoom was to finalize the proposed 2021-22 Budget.*
- Pastor Peter shared the two proposed budgets for 2021-22 – one at 100.7% (\$800,000 budget total) and one at 104.3% (\$830,000 budget total) as compared to the budget we used in 2020-21 (\$795,00 budget total).
  - We reviewed each line item in the budget, scrutinizing where we could trim & where we needed add. Some lines we could trim due to current funds available in those funds (i.e. Childrens' & Youth). We also chose to not fund the Relational Network for the upcoming year while increasing commitments to the Wesleyan Church. Pastor Peter shared that in upcoming years, our financial giving requirements to the Wesleyan Church will likely decrease
  - Though not at pre-pandemic annual giving levels (\$870,000), giving (offerings & tithes) has increased and shows a steady, positive trend upwards. With all these considerations, the Shepherding Board, moved, voted & approved unanimously to recommend the 104.7% budget for this coming fiscal year for the congregational vote at the Annual Business meeting. The budget proposal is attached.
- B. A secondary focus of the meeting was to discuss the continued cost overruns with the building project. Construction prices have skyrocketed since last summer with derecho, COVID-19, and inflation, and there really isn't much we can cut out of the project at this point. Right now Gary Moyer, Building Project Chair, estimates that we are going to finish at \$1.5 million in long term debt instead of the \$1.3 million that was passed by the congregation in August. So there are 3 options:
1. Receive more money in pledges to cover overruns
  2. Put the brakes on the project
  3. Go to the congregation to raise the debt limit
- Option 1 would be amazing. Option 2 would be demoralizing. Option 3 may test the commitment of our members, but if anyone is paying attention to the housing market and the economy right now, this is understandable.

The Annual Business meeting on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> would be the best time to go to the congregation if we made a recommendation to raise the debt limit. The Shepherding Board would like to bring in Gary to our next meeting and understand from him what our recommendation should be. We will move the originally scheduled Shepherding Board meeting

on May 10 up a week to Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> so we have more lead time to make this decision & prep for the business meeting.

We committed to prayer and seeking God's wisdom in His word on this matter.

## **II. FUTURE SHEPHERDING BOARD MEETINGS**

May 4, 2021

June 14, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

Marty Colwell  
Trinity Shepherding Board, Secretary

Pastor Peter  
Trinity Shepherding Board, Chair