**Orinda Community Church**

**Minutes of Church Council  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023**

**Council Attendance:** Anne Barr, Bill Abriel, Lani Shepp, Kathleen Wiegand, Bob Winbigler, Gail Mead

**Clergy Attending:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Pastor’s Report:** The Council moved and approved spending $1000 to move a donated baby grand piano into the Chapel. Elizabeth Robinson will let our piano tuner know he can have the upright piano in the Chapel but must handle its move.

**Treasurer’s Report/2023 Budget:** Lani Shepp reported the finished 2022 budget shows $10,000 more in income than expenses due to more loose offerings and rental income. We received only 92% of our 2022 pledges, with half of that loss due to unpaid pledges. We need to be more diligent earlier in the year to prompt pledge payments. We’ve been very carefully managing the finances and shortfalls and have ended the year with a nice reserve in our bank accounts. Lani will look into using interest-bearing accounts. Our best estimate for our 2023 pledges is around $335,000.

**Nominations:** Bill Abriel reviewed the Ministry/Committee leaders and volunteers. We have a number of people serving beyond their by-law terms. Given our limited number of volunteers, we’ll ask the congregation (at the Annual Meeting) to temporarily waive the term limits for several of our elected and appointed positions so we can continue to run the administrative aspects of the church. Gail Mead will ask the Governance Committee to revisit the current term limits language in the by-laws and recommend changes. This will take several months and the changes will require a congregation vote. During 2023, Council and the Ministries/Committees will more actively recruit congregants to take on new leadership and committee roles. Anne Barr will write an eblast message for Friday’s release covering our request for a temporary waiver of term limits so we can continue with our current slate of volunteers. Bill will continue to work on the Annual Report “Engagement/Nominations” section. The Council moved and approved to engage Tom Beatty on the Endowment Fund, replacing Alison Skidgel.

**Annual Meeting Planning:** Anne Barr is working on the Annual Meeting agenda and on contacting everyone to submit their reports to Anna Gregory to be included in the Annual Report. At the Annual Meeting we’ll provide handouts of the agenda, last year’s meeting minutes, the budget summary, and the nomination slate. The entire Annual Report will be available on the OCC website.

**Executive Session:** The Council moved and approved going into an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

**ACTIONS:**

Lani—look into using interest-bearing accounts

Gail—work with the Governance Committee to revisit the term language in the bylaws

Anne—write eblast for Friday’s release on temporarily waiving current term limits-done

Bill-work on “Engagement/Nominations” section of Annual Report

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 25, 2022; 7:00 pm

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk