**Orinda Community Church**

**Minutes of Church Council
Wednesday, September 21, 2022**

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

**Clergy Attending:** Elizabeth Robinson

**Minutes:** The 8/24/22 minutes were approved by email on 8/31/22

**Pastor’s Report:** The Elva Scholarship Fund raised over $1000 this past weekend. Homecoming is this weekend, 9/25. On 10/2, Kurt Sunderbruch will preach and the Sewing Circle will have quilts out to buy or sponsor. Holden wants to do Holden Sunday on 11/6 but that is our auction day. Bill Abriel and Elizabeth Robinson will talk tomorrow about the Holden Sunday date and run it by Council. Gail Mead mentioned the in person auction on 11/6 would be only for church people. Bill Abriel will start the stewardship ads on 10/2 and they’ll continue for the next several Sundays.The stewardship mailing will be on 10/30. 11/20 is Stewardship Day. Elizabeth will be out 11/13 and 11/20 for vacation. Elizabeth mentioned we talked with the Boy Scouts and are setting up guidelines on closing up shop. Thank you to Tom Norris who is stepping away from being the Boy Scout Chaplain. We will discuss the scout request for better campus wifi. They need to send us a proposal that is specific about the equipment needed for this. The choir will start up again this Sunday, 9/25. We need a Worship Committee to help manage Sunday services and support Elizabeth, especially with Advent approaching. Council will help get this together. LL&S is starting to take shape nicely. Gillian Murphy Stephans is doing thoughtful, sensitive, wonderful stuff with the grief group. She’ll work with youth on 11/9. Lucina Lopez will do a Sunday second hour; Mitch will help get this scheduled. The John Creech memorial is on 10/29.

**Treasurer’s Update:** Lani Shepp reported the 2023 budget will be tough. She’d like a budget session [in October] to start pulling it together. Elizabeth Robinson may tell Lucina Lopez she’ll be able to stay in the cottage for several months in 2023; we’ll have several months notice on the start up of Vista Verde.

**Auction:** Gail Mead was able to get a free gift certificate from Casa Orinda for our auction and will solicit more donations from local businesses. Anne Barr will help. Elizabeth Robinson will put auction info in the eblasts. We need volunteers to help.

**Caretaker Roles:** Bill Abriel reported Greg Hartdegen is no longer available to us for handyman services so we need a replacement for maintenance. We need someone who can affix the plaques to the memorial wall (John Creech used to do). Gail Mead will ask Chris Rieser for a suggestion on a maintenance person and whether Chris can handle the memorial wall plaques. Next Door may have some handyman recommendations. Tom Norris’ employee is interested in doing some handyman jobs but not full time. Our campus maintenance work is actually piece meal; a trouble shooting job. The employee is thinking about it and Tom will check with him tomorrow. Can this employee triage the campus problems? He has experience in computers, lighting, and plumbing. Lani Shepp mentioned we need exterior cleaning every six months; it’s time to do it now. The gardener will do gutter cleaning but he has to be asked to do so. Bill Abriel mentioned we still need to get help for our weekend events. The next event is 10/9. Possibilities include Anna Gregory’s son or a Holden student. The weekend events person would represent the church that day. (S)he would need training and an on-call person to check with. We would do a letter of agreement for each weekend activity. Bill will check with Anna and get back to the Council. Lucina Lopez is finding open doors 1-2 times a week. Elizabeth Robinson will have Anna Gregory check the lock box data.

**At-Large Member Reports:** Mitch Breitwieser reported LL&S is going well. M&J asked Mitch to schedule a second hour session for our congregation discussing the November voting issues/candidates. We have to be clear we’re not endorsing anything; it’s just an information session (and no online). In the past, LL&S kept the calendar for second hours and controlled them. We affirmed LL&S should manage the calendar for second hours but coordinate with the pastor and the other committees to organize the events. Council will determine the topic fits with the charter of the church. Gail Mead will let M&J know it can set up the voting event second hour. Mitch reported LL&S has some good ideas for second hours that will spill over into spring.

**ACTIONS:**

Bill-discuss Holden Sunday date with Elizabeth and advise Council

Anne-work on getting the Worship Committee together for a meeting with Council

Mitch-help schedule Lucina for a Sunday second hour

Elizabeth-advise Lucina on probable timing of Vista Verde start up

Gail and Anne-solicit donations from local businesses for our auction

Elizabeth-include auction info in eblasts

Gail-ask Chris Rieser about a maintenance person; can Chris do memorial plaques?

Tom-check with employee to see if interested in handyman job for our campus

Bill-check with Anna Gregory on weekend event person and advise Council

Elizabeth-have Anna G. check the lock box data regarding unlocked campus doors

Gail-advise M&J they can set up the November voting second hour

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 26, 2022; 7:00 pm

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk