

**RCC September 20, 2022**  
**Rehoboth Congregational Church**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Minutes of the meeting submitted by Ann Murphy, Clerk**

Attendees: Bob Rutko, Rob Johnson, Jodi McKearney, Wendy Cute, Steve Braiser, Kendra Read, Deb Woodward, Andrew Kingsland, Terry Charest, Mellisa Enos, and Ann Murphy in person. Jeani Warish virtual.

1. Mellisa Enos offered the opening prayer.
2. Minutes of two previous meetings, August 6 and August 16 were submitted for review. Motion made by Steve Braiser to accept the minutes as submitted, seconded, and approved. MOTION CARRIED.
3. Chair comments
  - a. AED Units - Bonnie Meagher confirmed that two units have arrived and are in place.
  - b. There is still a question of getting a refund for the unit that failed earlier this summer.
4. Financial Report
  - a. Bank signatories - need to be changed to remove Jeff Rutko
  - b. Cancel current credit card.
    - i. Credit card has to be canceled because it is attached to Sarah Weaver's social security number.
    - ii. Andrew Kingsland recommends US Bank Visa card which is strictly a business card and offers favorable perks such as 3% back in office supplies purchases, \$100 software credit, 0% interest, and no annual fee among other things.
    - iii. Motion made by Steve Braiser and seconded by Rob Johnson to cancel current credit card and get the US Bank credit card in the names of Andrew Kingsland and Kathy Greenberg. MOTION CARRIED.
  - c. Transfer of funds from Gurland Fund to General Checking account for Music Committee purchase.
    - i. For the Cantata this year the music committee needs to purchase music: full score and parts for the orchestra. Cost is \$4,320 Motion made by Mellisa Enos and seconded by Steve Braiser to transfer funds from the

Gurland Fund to the General Checking account for the purchase of the music. MOTION CARRIED.

- ii. There was also a discussion of how to raise money to help fund the purchase, and it is hoped that sponsors would come forward to help.

5. Discussion Items

- a. Bob Rutko - Sexton requests.
  - i. Concerned about security, access to other parts of the building, especially by non-members.
  - ii. Concerned about groups using church kitchen supplies to transport excess food after a function has concluded.
  - iii. Smoking in the building and on the grounds.
  - iv. Parking - there has been an issue with cars being blocked.
  - v. Needs clarification on the time the Sexton should be present when groups rent the hall or use other parts of the building.
- b. Discussion ensued about the above named items. It is clear that the rental agreement needs to be updated regarding these items and additional language added regarding access to parts of the building, smoking, sexton's duties, and parking.
- c. See attached schedule for suggested increases in rental fees for members and non-members. Rob Johnson will put together info on rental of the church and the hall for the next meeting. Motion made by Mellisa Enos and seconded by Terry Charest to increase church rental fees listed on the attached schedule.  
MOTION CARRIED.

6. Action items - none

7. Report from Delegates

- a. Deacons - absent
- b. Youth and Families Ministries - Jodi McKearney
  - i. Nursery move to the classroom wing has proven to be good.
  - ii. Allison may work on restructuring some of the classes because of large numbers of children in certain age groups.
  - iii. Hayride is scheduled for October 2.
  - iv. Trunk or Treat is October 30.

- v. Youth group - good number of kids. Allison and Jaime reviewed and purchased curriculum for them. They will be making sandwiches for Rose on October 16th.
  - vi. Homeless Awareness Weekend is on and the plan is to switch to tents from cardboard boxes for a couple of reasons: boxes are hard to come by these days, and the unhoused often sleep in tents.
- c. Missions - Steve Braiser
- i. Endowments - \$1000 to Rehoboth CO-OP (handicapped adults), \$5000 to the Church's Wider Mission, and \$1000 to Heifer International.
  - ii. Missions helped out by giving 26 backpacks and \$100 for supplies to the backpack project. All but eight of the backpacks were given away.
  - iii. Rally Day breakfast - many families with children attended. The cost was \$116 for the breakfast items.
  - iv. Missions would like to bring back breakfast before the church service once a month, either the second or third Sunday.
  - v. Soup Supper is on for October 8th. Tickets will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Tickets should be reserved through the church office and paid for at the door.
- d. Properties - Rob Johnson
- i. Rhinoshield - Locust Street side where nails holes were rusting through has been repaired. \$110 over budget - the steeple wasn't included.
  - ii. Cobblestones at front are done. Still pending is the front walkway and down to the road.
  - iii. Office flooding - Rob Johnson will meet with the contractor on dealing with the issue.
  - iv. Dream list includes replacing the toilets. Further kitchen work is on hold.
  - v. Discussion came up about the color of the church doors. Steve Braiser suggested we have a congregational vote on the issue, and/or wait until the doors need repainting. Nothing resolved at this time.
  - vi. Rob Johnson to check on historical markers.
- e. Music - Jeani Warish
- i. Rally day was great - choir is back
  - ii. For the cantata, childcare will be offered for rehearsals.

- f. Church Life - Deb Woodard
    - i. Bazaar will have a modified luncheon, a soup cafe. Liz and Kim Paranzi will facilitate and it will be self-serve.
    - ii. Bazaar is mostly on auto-pilot.
    - iii. The Turkey Supper is considering both take-out and seated serving. Committee prefers take-out only and it would be prepaid.
    - iv. Ad for the Bazaar and Nov/Dec activities will be placed in local paper.
  - g. Tech Update - Andrew Kingsland
    - i. Comcast contract coming due for renewal, and they offered a rebundle agreement with a two-year contract at business giga byte speed. There would be a one-time fee of \$24.95 to unlist and downgrade the elevator number to a basic line. The cost for the new bundle would be \$279/month.
    - ii. Motion was made by Andrew and seconded by Steve Braiser to accept the new Comcast contract. MOTION CARRIED.
    - iii. For info to put on web and social media accounts for the church email Andrew.
    - iv. New Youth Group director needs a television, and they have \$3000 in their account. Motion made by Andrew Kingsland to purchase television and mount not to exceed \$600 from the Youth Group checking account. Wendy Cute seconded. MOTION CARRIED.
    - v. Andrew also mentioned that there are two items on the Breeze program that can be combined under "computer software". Andrew and Jane Williams will address this issue.
  - h. WKB - no delegate present
    - i. AT Large - Kendra Read. No items at this time.
8. Next meeting - October 18th at 6:30 p.m.