

**Grinnell United Church of Christ – Congregational
Governing Board Meeting
Sunday, April 27, 2025
11:50 am – 12:45 pm**

Members present: Nancy Brown, Molly Campe, Dorothy Noer, Liz Rodrigues, Kelsey Sandeno, Kelly Sandquist
Member absent: Jean Pendleton

The meeting was called to order by Moderator Kelsey Sandeno after an informal checking in with each other.

MOTION: Approve agenda for the meeting (Kelly/Liz). Motion carried.

The final Minutes of the March meeting will be circulated and approved by email vote within the next few days.

Reports/Updates

Pastor's Report. The highlights of this report were provided by Kelsey. Elizabeth will be taking some time off during the month of May.

Finance. Kelly reported that the overall loss to date is about \$13,000, some of which was budgeted. Pledge income is coming in slowly. Grants of \$6,000 from two sources have been received for the laundry ministry and \$2,000 in funds from Grinnell College will support college students teaching in the OWL program.

Continuing Business

DOE Task Force. Kelsey reported that the task force has held three sessions to date and expects to finalize its report at the next meeting on May 4.

Membership Rolls. Nancy reported that the membership list review will get underway in the next few weeks. At the conclusion of the review, the Governing Board will receive a list of those members recommended for removal from the church rolls and asked to authorize removal.

Building Maintenance Plan. Kelsey reported that a barebones building maintenance document that was created some time ago is still available and has had minor updates. A forward-looking plan for expected equipment replacement is needed to assist in budgeting.

New Business

Fire Alarm System. A preschool inspector recently asked about our fire alarm system, so Elizabeth arranged an inspection. The system is not functioning properly and is too old to repair. The expected cost to replace the system is about \$5,000, but another estimate has been sought.

MOTION: Approve replacement of the fire alarm system with payment from the Brick and Mortar Fund (Kelly/Liz). Motion carried.

PFLAG Co-sponsorship? The local PFLAG chapter board has requested the church to co-sponsor events in the future because PFLAG at large has no systems in place for allowing unaccompanied minors at events. The Governing Board agreed that Grinnell UCC should have a discussion about liability and putting the necessary guidelines in place as a co-sponsor to welcome those under age 18. The group is currently operating under the event name Third Friday, Third Space.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Brown, Clerk

Next scheduled meeting (note change of day, date, time) – Thursday, May 29, 2025
at 7 pm in the church building

Note: The March Minutes of the Governing Board were approved as circulated.