Members present: Cynthia Dickman, Grayson Holmes, Candace Larson, Sue Porter, Eric Trott, Patrick Espana, Alan Jacobsen, Marty Howell, Becca Snyder, Linda Penhallegon, Gary Stueckle, Marlon Balauag, Ron Kreizenbeck, Rev. Joe Kim

Guests: Mary Morral, Rev. Kristin Joyner, Shelly Ainsworth

Eric called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the Lounge.

Pastor Kristin offered an opening prayer.

The January 28, 2020 minutes were approved.

Sue provided the finance report. She plans to send out copies of all materials beforehand, rather than having Eric handle it. January was a good month overall for revenue; it was above average and well above last January. She noted that some of the increase may be due to the switchover in the online paying system. She also encouraged the board to have discussions about how to navigate potential budget crises.

Ron provided an update for Bothell Urban. The back half of the property has been sold. Closing will occur in the coming months per the purchase and sale agreement. There will be some soil sampling and other activities on the parcel in the near term, and the garden will be moved soon as well. The team has good rapport with the contractor and should be able to navigate things that arise. The Bothell Urban team plans to put out a Request for Proposals for the downtown property in the coming weeks.

Linda provided a facilities team update. We plan to change internet/telephone providers, which will increase internet speed and be cheaper by $135 per month. They also plan to spend funds to increase coverage throughout the building.

Pastor Joe provided a report. He and Pastor Kristin will be at the Board of Ordained Ministries meeting in early March. A group will also be going to Boise in March. He plans to have a “state of the church” meeting on March 31 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Average attendance YTD is 389 per Sunday (versus 350 last year during same period—and 374 total average in 2019). He is also encouraged by the attendance at the Facebook livestream of the Wings service (on the private Facebook group). As of March 1, we will do a public livestream of the Roots service. The hope is to have the same for Wings down the line. We are planning to have the post-Easter Sunday be a celebration of youth. Four youth will be baptized that day, and ten have gone through confirmation. He also summarized upcoming sermon series.
Eric provided some preparatory info about the board’s March 7 offsite retreat. Topics will include an intro to the board and the church, the work of the subteams, and voting procedures.

Grayson discussed some changes to the minutes approval process. Going forward, minutes will be circulated and ideally approved within 10 days of the meeting. The minutes and other materials (list of members, calendar of meetings, GB charter, GB application) will be posted on the GB webpage. A link to the webpage and a short note about the next meeting will be included in the e-News.

The board then went into closed session (per the UMC Book of Discipline) to discuss personnel matters.

Eric offered a closing prayer.