

OCSL Board of Trustees Meeting - FINAL

June 15, 2025, 12:45 pm

Attendees: Rev. Sunshine, Beth, Elke, Sam, Nancy

Via Phone: Deborah

Evocation Prayer

Check-In

Treasurer Report - Elke

Highlight donations - 12.72% decrease from same month last year - \$19,042.30

General contributions were lower

Income points of interest:

Facility use net; \$4,325.00 (\$4,925 income and \$600 expense) more than prior month

Net Loss for month: - \$2314.86

Chair dedication \$200.00

Expenses outside regular/monthly: \$860.00 fire safety test/inspection; sr. minister conference: \$491.49; Umbrella ins (annual) \$350.00; flyer distribution for concert: \$240.00.

Personnel expenses: \$14,912.71 which is within budget range

Musicians: \$1,750.00 within budget range

Balance sheet as of end of May 2025:

Bookstore: \$2,496.27

Buffer acct: \$10,413.66

Vanguard: \$2,349.62

Self Help: 60,619.50

BofA acct: \$19,130.50

Discussion was held regarding disbursement of previously held monies for the Social Justice Ministry (SJM), in addition to implementing a policy on how funds raised will be treated going forward if a group/committee/ministry becomes inactive or ceases to exist. Deborah stated that she suggests a split of these previous funds between OCSL and SJM. Deborah does not want to donate 100% of all dormant funds, as the current SJM needs funding in order to host its current events. Rev. Sunshine suggested we have the same policy across the board for all OCSL groups for consistency. Youth & Family Ministry, Social Justice Ministry, and the Practitioner Core are the groups with special funds.

Motion offered by Deborah: Split previously held funds for the Social Justice Ministry (\$740) and Social Uplift Ministry (\$282) 50/50 between OCSL operations and the current SJM. The total of the two funds is \$1,022 and a 50/50 split is \$511 each. The money raised by the “Color of Fear” movie viewing will be retained by the current SJM group.

Sam seconded the motion. A second motion was made and approved to move all funds from inactive groups, committees, or ministries to the OCSL Operations account whenever such groups disband or go dormant after 6 months. This will be a new policy going forward so that it is consistent across all OCSL volunteer groups.

Action: Rev. Sunshine Michelle will advise SJM of these funds available to them from the previously held SJM/SUM funds, as well as this policy just passed by the Board. Rev. Sunshine Michelle will also advise all OCSL volunteer groups of this policy and share that the Board requested them to tithe to OCSL from their fundraisers.

Discussion was held on how to disperse money market funds to CD's to earn maximum interest for the Center. The Board approved the following:

Beth will purchase or renew the current CD as it expires 6/21 and renew a \$150,000 CD or purchase new CD for one-year for an additional \$20,000. It was also decided that Beth would open 2 other CDs at \$15,000 each for one year, all are at 4.08% APR. Beth has checked with other banks and no one is offering better interest rates. All 3 CD's are in place at Self Help credit union as of 6-24-25, so all of \$200,000 reserve funds are earning maximum interest until April 2026.

Questions raised: Can B of A be a sponsor for the Gala event? Can Facilities money in Summit bank be put to better use?

Agenda item for next meeting - ask all groups to get sponsorships

The Board agreed to extend the salary reduction period for another 6 months. A letter to impacted staff is being created by Rev. Sunshine Michelle and Beth and will be sent to impacted staff on 6-30-25 by Beth on behalf of the Board advising of the salary reduction continuance.

Discussion was held regarding the minister's report.

Beth stated the Montclarion newspaper offered to “advertise” us in their paper next week about OCSL in general and about our upcoming Anniversary concert. This will be good exposure!

Rev. Sunshine clarified someone's previous suggestion to discontinue the Midweek Oasis service if we don't have more volunteers to support it. In her opinion, it is not yet time to think about discontinuing this midweek service, since it has solid attendance and has been a mainstay for many years. As an ecclesiastical service, Oasis is under Rev. Sunshine Michelle's purview and she will guide its operations or involve the Board if additional support is needed.

It was suggested that we hold the next Open Forum on July 27, Community Potluck Sunday, instead of the scheduled date of July 20, so that we have food available for the event. Deborah will get in touch with her potluck committee to let them know. Going forward, all community forums need to be on community potluck day to maximize attendance and to minimize expense, unless we have a donated food service after church.

Action item: Rev. Sunshine Michelle will draft the slides for the July forum and send them to the Board for review and comment. She will include a slide regarding all the things we have done that members requested in the engagement survey and townhall meetings, such as classes, potlucks, adding words to songs on the screens, membership class, and jazz concert.

Closing prayer - Rev. Sunshine Michelle