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## President's Report to the Board

Greetings – Not much happening around the Church this month; it has been pretty quiet with the exception of the Quarantine Trunk or Treat Party and the Surprise Drive By for the Saunders. It was great to see real people and enjoy a bit of laughter and fun in a safe environment (surrounded by chaos.)

We have continued to move forward in enhancing the Website and we even added two new members. One of the new members actually submitted a pledge form online. THE FIRST ONE! Terry and I also spoke with Kathryn about adding additional information to the Website where it would be accessible to members – like forms we commonly use or the calendar of events and meetings. It would be nice to be able to schedule online.

Cathy and I have spoken a bit on how we might build on our Website and encourage our members to use it. Scheduling activities would be a real positive move - allowing members access to what is going on and have it available to the public. If you have ideas for a Web Master /designer who has experience in the Church – let me know. This is an area ripe for developing as we have a excellent base from which to work

Our nominating committee is searching for our board replacement and for 2 members to fill open spots on the Nominating Committee next year. If you have any ideas – please pass them on. You can give them to Steve Calkins, the Chair. or to me and I will pass them on.

And we have a terrific new Adult RE Chair in Juliet Gustavson. She is sending the new name for the committee to this next Board for approval and working on her Committee Charter. We can look forward to some exciting new ideas going forward.

We have set the date for the Annual Meeting – Friday , January 8<sup>th</sup> ,time TBD, and are planning on virtual but also we may possibly be able to offer some limited in-person attendance dependent upon the movement of the virus at that time. I have notified the membership of the date and our possible meeting plans. We will have to determine dates for sending out the By Laws and the Budget for review and for the zoom meetings to be held for the members.

For the packet I am requesting a brief report from those committees that have been active this year and I am also asking for brief reports from Lisa and Debby on their activities. I believe our major goals for the annual meeting should be the Bu Laws Approval, a report on our Finances and presentation of the Budget. I would also like to nominate someone for Volunteer of the Year. That would not go out in the packet. I want to send out the materials in early December – and we should have the information compiled by our December meeting to send out the next day.

Generally there should be an agenda, the slate of Officers, and any committee Chairs who are new as well as new members for the nominating committee.; a treasurer's

report as well as the proposed 2021 Budget, the president's report, the Minister's report, a final copy of the By Laws, Board goals for next year (if possible), committee reports and maybe a list of new members and a list of the members who have passed this year – I know we put this in the directory – so this is open. If you can think of anything I have forgotten – please let me know. I want to be inclusive and to communicate that we have continued to do the business of the Church.

Update on tasks in progress.

We have not caught the mice yet but still trying – still think we should have a Church Cat if we have Church Mice. The weather has begun to moderate so we will get the signs changed on the Church and up at the entrances. The cameras are working and when activated, alerts are now being sent to Lois. The toilets in both restrooms have been repaired – thank you Frank Thomas -and I am not saying anymore more just in case I jinx something.

Terry, Lois, Charlie, John Cline , JP (Terry's nephew) and I met with the representative of Cox on Thursday and because of JP we had a very profitable meeting about our internet and phone system. I am going to let Terry report on this meeting during our discussion part of the meeting. I will say that we ere encouraged and excited about the possibilities for live streaming, enhanced hearing aid assists and zoom use as well as better internet connections and a better phone.

Even in hard time, good things can happen. And in the meantime – I remain yours in faith, friendship, and continued hope for a positive end to this chaotic and difficult election period.

I will see you all on Sunday.

Sherry