Faith United Methodist Church

One Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2023

In attendance: Rev David Horton, Rev Rusti Moore, Patricia Martin, Rudy Martinez, Diane Dreitzler, Judy Barbour, Frances Planchard, Donna Lewis, Trish Jenkins, Bob Kissner, Amy Lapinskie, Mary Ellen Wahlheim, Adam Niles, and Donna Hinman.

Absent: Judy Durdin, Ama Halm, Jeremy McKee and Anthony Wahlheim  
Guests: Debbie Shaw, Ernie Ladkani and Janis Parker

**Opening Prayer**

* The meeting was called to order by Rudy at 6:30 and he led the opening prayer.

**Spiritual Formation: Pastor David Horton**

* 2 Corinthians 9. Paul reminds the people of Corinth of their commitment for giving their gifts to the church. This message aligns with our upcoming pledges that we will make to FUMC in 2024.

**Approval of September 2023 Meeting Minutes**

* No changes were noted. Motion by Frances and second by Donna L. Minutes accepted.

**Leadership Development: Pastor David Horton**

* 2024 One Board: Pastor David advised that the nominating committee has met to discuss new OB members and review committee assignments. He is also accepting additional names for consideration.
* Strategic Plan: the committee meetings have been completed and David has designed a document that will be presented to the congregation.
* Town Hall presentation: 2 meetings are scheduled to present the Strategic Plan to the congregation (Sunday, 10-22 at noon and Sunday, 11-5 at 10:00 AM. The 2024 budget, One Board officers and strategic document will also be voted on at that meeting.
* David advised that all attendance is up for Sunday morning worship, Sunday Schools and all groups that meet.

**Sub Committee Reports**

Trustees: The full report of recent and on-going activities was included in the meeting packet.

* A new Facilities Use Agreement was finalized and placed on Google Drive for review.
* Insurance renewal details were provided. The existing provider, Glatfelter provided a new quote that includes allowing the Scouts programs to continue at Faith United Methodist Church. The motion to approve Glatfelter proposal is included in the meeting documents. Motion made by Mary Ellen and second by Diane. Motion approved.
* Highlights: Workday on Sept 30th at FUMC (inside and outside) was successful. The re-charter of the Scouts was approved. LED screens are pending. Insurance funds were received, a vendor was selected to perform the work and a $14K down payment was made. As of this meeting, the work has not been completed and the vendor has not replied to phone calls, emails or texts. An attorney demand letter was sent to the vendor. Future legal decisions will be made as they relate to the vendor. The goal is to have the screens operational before Advent season. There will be an effort made to secure 3 bids so we can move forward with the replacements.

Finance:

* Donna Lewis reported that she, Patricia, and the committee members are working with the different ministries to draft the “unified budget”.
* The request was made to Texas Methodist Foundation to recast the existing loan. The request was accepted and has been completed.
* The budget must be finalized and presented at the Church conference on Nov 11th.
* Side note: OB meeting in November has been changed to Nov 14th from Nov 21st (Thanksgiving week).
* The pledge drive notices were sent to church members. Commitment Sunday is October 29th where we will present our pledges to the church.

SPR:

* Diane reported that the staff evaluations have been completed and reviewed with SPR members and David. Salary adjustments are requested to be effective in 2024.
* Discussion related to the Director of Student Ministry moving from a part time director to a full-time director in 2024. This would entail securing a new director to fulfill the needs of the ministry. A motion was made and tabled until November.

**Church Ministries**

* Faith Kids Preschool: Anthony was absent; no report was given.
* Ministry Activities Update: Debbie reported that the Family Feud night was a success. “Pumpkin patch events” as well as Trunk or Treat are taking place in October.
* Ernie reported that the Scouts numbers have grown in all programs: Cubs, Boys and Girls. They have a camp out planned in October and a winter camp.
* The motion to approve the Scouts charter at FUMC was made by Bob and second by Diane. Motion approved.

**Sr Pastor Report**

* Nov 15th: Church conference
  + December 10th : Choir Cantata
  + December 17th: 5:00 children’s play
  + Christmas Eve services: 10:00 children’s play (repeat from 17th), 3:00, 5:00, and 7:00.

**Closing Prayer**: Rusti led the prayer. Rudy adjourned the meeting at 8:20 PM.