Faith United Methodist Church

One Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

In attendance: Rev David Horton (via Zoom), Rev Rusti Moore, Patricia Martin, Rudy Martinez, Diane Dreitzler, Judy Barbour, Frances Planchard, Jeremy McKee, Donna Lewis, Trish Jenkins, Bob Kissner, Amy Lapinskie, Mary Ellen Wahlheim, Alma Halm, and Donna Hinman.

Absent: Adam Niles, Judy Durdin, and Anthony Wahlheim  
Guests: Debbie Shaw and Ernie Ladkani

**Opening Prayer**

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

**Spiritual Formation: Pastor Rusti Moore**

* Pastor has a special book written by George W Truett that she received from her Father-In-Law. She shared comments about Barnabas, who was an early follower of Jesus and leader. He was full of faith and full of the Holy Ghost. He was an inspiration and guide to get God’s work done. A prayer for all of God’s people to do “Christ’s work”.

**Approval of August 2023 Meeting Minutes**

* No changes were noted. Minutes accepted.

**Leadership Development:**

* 2024 One Board: Pastor David advised that the nominating committee is scheduled to meet on Oct 5th, and he is hopeful to have the slate to approve.
* Strategic Plan: the meetings have been completed and documentation will follow.
* Town Hall presentation: plans are to have 2 options to present the Strategic Plan to the congregation (Sunday PM and Wednesday PM). The church will vote during the church conference which is scheduled for November 15th. The 2024 budget, One Board officers and strategic document will also be voted on at that meeting.

**Sub Committee Reports**

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

* A new Facilities Use Agreement has been drafted and is being reviewed. Expectation is to present at the October meeting.
* Highlights: Workday at FUMC (inside and outside) is scheduled for Sept 30th to prepare for the pumpkin’s arrival. The Fire Suppression system has a leak in one valve. Quotes to repair or replace are in progress. Once the full assessment has been completed, the info will be presented to One Board. This is a high priority. Jeremy has been communicating with Dutch Brothers (DB) project leaders. Their stated completion is expected in mid-October; the contract states their completion is November 15th. Jeremy is working with DB representatives to ensure that there are no conflicts with the various outdoor activities we have in October (pumpkin sales, Pumpkin Festival). Other maintenance items are being identified and reviewed as options to include in the 2024 budget. The quote and details will be presented to the Finance committee. The Eagle Scout project to remove the cattails and rocks from the church front flower bed will be completed soon.

Finance: Donna Lewis reported that she and Patricia will be working with the different ministries to learn of their needs. The budget will be a “unified budget”.

* Patricia reported that the final installment of the tax refund of ~ $90K is pending payment. The pledge drive notices will be sent starting October 2nd. Commitment Sunday is October 29th.
* Discussion related to a request to make changes on the existing loan to Texas Methodist Foundation. Patricia and Jeremy will work together to draft the appropriate language and distribute to OB for review and approval. The language will also be included in the September minutes. September and October apportionments will be paid after the pumpkin sales/festival has concluded. Insurance quotes will be available soon. Insurance for the Scouts program is also available from at least one of the providers.

SPR: Diane reported that the meeting to review the staff evaluations has been scheduled.

**Church Ministries**

* Faith Kids Preschool: Anthony had provided a report since he was unable to attend. They are working on the 2024 tuition and budget. Currently 188 students are enrolled.
* Ministry Activities Update: Family Feud night survey completions are requested. The event is Wednesday, September 27ty. The Children’s ministry has hired Abby Hines as the Children’s Ministry Coordinator. Their program is averaging 43 children each Sunday. (Side note: Adults are averaging 30 and students average 22 each Sunday.)
* Pastor Rusti is hosting a new members and visitors gathering on Sunday, October 1st at 10:00.
* Ernie reported that the Scouts are recruiting new Cub Scouts through “meet the teachers at schools”. Numbers fluctuate in and out. They are working with adult leaders and coordinating activities is underway. Scouts meet on Monday and Cub Scouts meet on Thursday.
* Dutch Brothers: Jeremy will be working on the coordination for the opening, including traffic coordination, off duty law enforcements, and signage.

**Sr Pastor Report**

* + Blessing of the Animals: Sunday, October 8th at 3:00 PM (outdoor event)
  + Texas Conference: there were 49 churches in the Central North district in 2022. In 2023 there are now 15. Faith is now in the SW District. Central North district no longer exists. 13 new church plants are underway. Pledge cards will be sent. He is also working on info to provide to SPR for any staff salary increases.
* **Closing Prayer**: Rudy led the prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.