Faith United Methodist Church

One Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 15, 2023

In attendance: Rev David Horton, Rev Jennifer Gros, Patricia Martin, Rudy Martinez (Chair), Bill Neal, Trish Jenkins, Donna Lewis, Judy Durdin, Adam Niles, Diane Dreitzler, Judy Barbour, Bob Kissner, Mary Ellen Wahlheim, Anthony Wahlheim, and Donna Hinman.

Absent: Amy Lapinskie, Jeremy McKee, Frances Planchard, and Alma Halm

Guests: Debbie Shaw and Elizabeth Lafferty

**Call to Order and Prayer**

* Meeting called to order at 6:35 by Rudy and prayer led by Rudy.

**Approval of January 2023 Meeting Minutes**

* Minutes approved.

**Spiritual Formation: Pastor David Horton**

* Mark 10: 46-52; message is about Jesus traveling to Jericho and encounters Bartimaeus, a blind beggar who shouts out to Jesus. Jesus asks “what do you want me to do for you”? Bartimaeus replies, Rabbi, I want to see. Jesus responds, giving sight to Bartimaeus. Relevance to Faith UMC is to go “outside of our church” and learn what we can do for others. Responses: be a welcome and safe place, provide connections, be vulnerable together, grow stronger together, be a resource for others needing info, food, safe place. David’s words, “Make It Be So”.

**Leadership Development**

* Electing Board Secretary
  + Donna Hinman volunteered to be the Secretary for 2023 since no one had volunteered. Approved by board members.
* One Board Training
  + The committees (SPR, Trustees, Finance, Nominating, Faith Kids) need to meet and report to One Board for decisions. Discussion related to how the committees should communicate to One Board Chair.
  + Committee chairs: Finance, Donna Lewis; Trustees, Bill Neal; SPR, to be determined.
* Review of New People
  + The recent luncheon for new and interested members was well attended. 5 new families have joined since January 1st.
  + Name tags: discussion related to adding name tags for adult members. Suggestion is to order the magnetic type. Jennifer will research the costs to have these made and also explore the costs to purchase a machine and make the name tags in house. Other possibility is to have them color coded for the various ministries.
* Goals for 2023
  + Scheduled Cottage meetings: 2 have been completed. David said they have been very helpful. A final Cottage Meeting will be held at Faith once the in-home meetings have been completed. The final will be held at Faith for all who were not able to attend one of the other meetings.
  + Strategic Planning Team: this team will be formed from One Board representatives, as well as new and long-time church members and the findings will be presented to One Board.
* Review/Reallocation of Finances
  + Spending threshold requiring board approval. The request to spend up to $1,000 for expenses that need to be addressed prior to One Board meetings. The request would be presented to the pastors for approval. Anything over $1,000 would need to be presented to One Board for approval. Rudy asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none, a vote to approve was called and it passed unanimously.
  + Apportionments will be paid; David prefers a monthly payment. This can be reviewed as the year progresses.
* Help with Ministries
  + Faith Kids Preschool (FKP)– facility enhancement request
    - There are pending requests from FKP, i.e. new carpet, attic stairs replacement, lighting.
    - Discussion regarding involvement of Trustees and FKP working together on requests to take advantage of any bulk purchasing power, as well as requests that may be a larger project that could be incorporated building wide.
    - FKP will provide report to Trustees for review and finance approval. One Board vote is not required.
* Pressing Issues/Problem Solving
  + Dutch Brothers status update: Dutch Brothers has made the 1st payment to Faith UMC, $5,000.00. David has had meetings and calls with Dutch Brothers and County groups, confirming that Faith is agreeable to sell acreage to Dutch Brothers for re-allocation of the Wild Rose entrance. The closing is scheduled for June 2023.
  + Motion to approve new interest rate: Patricia reported that she and David will meet with The Methodist Foundation next week to discuss the borrow up interest rate on the main building loan. The interest rate will go to 8.25% in April. The request is to have the current interest rate on Loan 7.5264 be held at the current 3 year rate of 7% beginning in April 2023. After discussion, the motion for this was made by Diane, second by Judy Durdin. Motion approved.
  + Much discussion related to restricted accounts/capital campaign account and budgets. The Finance committee will meet to review and determine any changes to accts/funds. The Finance Committee will also need to write a policy defining “reserve” to alleviate any future questions or concerns. Additional questions related to budgets for various ministries were raised. Certain ministries have funds that were donated or raised for specific items, and these should not be moved to other unrelated accounts without consent from the donor.
* Approval & Question of Agenda Packet
* Closing Prayer
  + Prayer led by David; meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM.