

# Faith United Methodist Church

## One Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 21, 2023

In attendance: Rev David Horton, Rev Jennifer Gros, Patricia Martin, Rudy Martinez (Chair), Donna Lewis, Judy Durdin, Adam Niles, Diane Dreitzler, Judy Barbour, Bob Kissner, Amy Lapinskie, Frances Planchard, Alma Halm and Donna Hinman.

Absent: Jeremy McKee, Bill Neal, Trish Jenkins, Anthony Wahlheim, and Mary Ellen Wahlheim

Guests: Debbie Shaw and Kristin Anderson (substitute for Anthony as the Faith Kids representative)

### **Call to Order and Prayer**

- ☐ Meeting called to order at 6:31 by Rudy and prayer led by Jennifer.

### **Spiritual Formation: Pastor David Horton**

- ☐ Preparing for Sunday's message: Psalm 107:1 God's love is steadfast. David's message is that he and other pastors want us to model God's steadfast love and to have lifelong friends.

### **Approval of February 2023 Meeting Minutes**

- ☐ Minutes accepted.

### **Leadership Development**

- ☐ Google drive for file sharing: goal is to have a Google drive setup up to upload files into separate folders based on the content. One Board members will have access to upload and view files as needed. Restrictions will be put in place and as One Board members roll off the committee, their access will be deactivated.
- ☐ Dashboard design: will contain vital signs related to worship attendance, Sunday School classes, children's choir, youth band, adult/connection sessions, youth hangouts and other church related activities. The intent is to track the overall health of the church, including financial health, 1<sup>st</sup> time visitors, attendance. Attendance recording: the QR code is being added to the bulletin and to the attendance book that is available in Sunday morning worship.

### **☐ Review/Reallocation of Finances**

- o Suggested budget for each ministry.
- o Faith Kids Program (FKP): Fair allocation of administrative costs to FKP. FKP contributes approximately 25% of the church budget. Request to be made to FKP board to adjust the allocation of funds based on the square footage used for FKP, and 50% of office staff support. Goal is to have the amount that FKP contributes to Faith UMC equal <25%.
- o Research from other ministers and churches that have church sponsored preschool programs provided guidance for the changes for FKP.
- o FKP budget completion date is nearing. Motion made by Frances to have the budget completion extended to allow for the changes to be made. Second by Donna Lewis. Motion passed.

- o Review the financials that are provided and respond as needed.

## **? Help with Ministries**

- o Faith Kids Preschool (FKP)– a One Board representative is needed to attend FKP board meetings. The preference is that this person also be on the Trustees subcommittee. This would save time and help address questions since many of the requests/needs are related to Trustees topics. An option to consider was having a rotation of trustees attend these meetings if one person is not able to commit to regular participation.
- o FKP board meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month.
- o Kristin reminded that the FKP budget has to go to One Board for approval.
- o Trustees: there are a lot of projects being considered, and need funds to support them. Carpet/flooring is needed and FKP grant funds are expected to cover the related costs.
- o Miscellaneous needs were discussed that could be completed by a “Handyman” service. This could be setup on a contract basis or “as needed”. Patricia mentioned that there is a man who is willing to donate his time to help with certain needs. More research will be done related to the “Handyman” needs.
- o Debbie reported that activities within children’s ministry are on track.
- o Request from a Spanish speaking church to rent space from FUMC. After much discussion and the clear understanding of the request, One Board agreed that this is not a request that we want to pursue.
- o Spring Celebration is April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- o Holy Week” starts with Easter Cantata at the 9:00 am worship service, Maundy Thursday includes Stations of the Cross, Good Friday service, and Easter Sunday worship times are 9:00 and 11:00.

## **? Pressing Issues/Problem Solving**

- o Dutch Brothers status update: \$5K payment from Dutch Brothers was received as the requirement for their delay request. David reported that the closing is still scheduled for June 2023.

## **? Senior Pastor’s Report**

- o David reminded that the General conference is scheduled in 2024. Churches can elect new conference attendees.
- o New churches are forming in the greater Houston areas.
- o Kudos to Debbie Shaw and Cheryl Nuss for their children’s message videos that are shown in worship services each Sunday. The videos will be posted to FUMC website. They will also be providing the message in person vs. recording.
- o Sunday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> will mark the end of his 1<sup>st</sup> quarter serving as FUMC’s Senior Pastor.

## **? Closing Prayer**

- o Prayer led by Judy Barbour meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.