Faith United Methodist Church

One Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 29, 2025

In attendance

1. Pastor David Horton (Zoom) 9. Kerri Wenzel
2. Pastor Angie 10. Julie Vidonic
3. Donna Lewis 11. Austin Williams
4. Debbie Shaw 12. Carla Burchard
5. Bo Hudson 13. Renece Wise
6. Kim Duca 14. Melissa Cheng
7. Patricia Martin
8. Adam Niles

Absent: Francis Planchard, Judy Barbour, Valerie Garner, Bob Kissner

**Opening Prayer**

Pastor Angie started with the opening prayer and shared that she journaled to grow closer to Jesus. She also noted that we moved into the building in the 90’s before the church almost died. There were many church splits but now we are debt free even after the ups and downs over the years. As she moved forward, she read a prayer to help us be a team not a separate entity. We also received butterflies signifying our constant change with a simple message, God had us. Pastor David joined by zoom from out of town at a clergy board meeting where he is the secretary.

**Approval of April 2025 Meeting Minutes**

* Renece motioned to approve the minutes
* Austin Williams seconded the motion

**Subcommittee Reports**

Trustees

* They did not spread mulch on the workday because of the issue being too close to the foundation.
* The workday was very successful. All lights in the community room were fixed and other small items were taken care of during the workday.
* There is a water stain in the office area but an inspector looking at the roof determined there were some issues that could be handled when he was at the church.
* In addition, there was a concern about the leak in the sanctuary so that was fixed by simply caulking the windows.
* The sprinkler system was not working properly but they were working on a solution.
* The playground lights were replaced but there was an electrical issue. They realized that some of the lights were on a timer and some were not. Some lights were flickering on the side of the area surrounding the dumpster.

**Finance**

* We had a meeting to discuss the internal audit and plans for writing procedures. The audit is scheduled in May.
* The expenses were a little higher than expected for the previous month, but we are still on budget.
* Most expenses were related to repairs.
* Renewed the electric contract for the next three years.
* We are switching from the old accounting system to Quickbooks.

**SPR**

* The next meeting is scheduled for May 18 and everyone on staff was assigned a liaison from SPR.
* Job descriptions are being completed for each employee on staff.
* There will be a report at the next meeting.

This information is not reported due to the sensitive nature of the discussion.

**Faith Kids**

* There was a meeting the night before with many items on the agenda. One was the settlement we just received for retention of employees during Covid and receiving payroll tax relief. They agreed that is should be in the building fund but want to make sure they have at least three months of an emergency fund.
* Enrollment is very good for next year and they are working on scholarships for some that attend.
* The last day of school is May 15 and there will be transitioning to a new President of the board.
* KPI will include more activities with the church and Faith Kids.

**Church Ministries**

* Boy Scouts – They helped with the Spring celebration and noted that the Pinewood Derby was coming up. All were invited to attend.
* Men’s Group – The fish fry was very successful, but they did have left over food. They raised a good amount of money and people from outside the church stopped by for a plate. Someone suggested that next year we have a drive thru where the dinner was prepared beforehand for more sales. Next, they are focusing on the golf tournament to raise scholarship funds.
* Women’s ministry – The next meeting and last until the fall is the second Tuesday in May. They now have a steering committee to help anyone who wants to host a ministry night. Each month someone from the committee helps with any questions or concerns. There are many volunteers that have already stepped up to host a specific night.

**Pastor David**

* First, Pastor David started out by thanking everyone who helped with the Spring Celebration and the workday. Also, Easter attendance was over 700 among the services.
* The Hope Center dinner raised more than the $5000 that was the goal of the evening.
* Everyone was then asked to go to menti.com to vote on the priorities for the building committee. They met and determined specific items that needed to be addressed but did not assign an importance until we voted. The items are below in no order.

1. Sanctuary Redesign – Space for traditional and contemporary services.
2. Exterior changes
3. Common space- Narthex area and common areas within the church.
4. Community Room - Needs redesign to make it more functional for all.
5. Classroom space – Expand Pre K and Kindergarten rooms.
6. Mission Storage – There is not enough space to have a church closet for the needy.
7. Youth – Large group space and finish the outside of the building.
8. Parking - This has become an issue due to the growth of the church.

All the priorities are based on Awesome worship, Invest in Youth and Lead in Service. To start the project, the building committee needed more input from the One Board to we all voted on the priorities. Campus accessibility, parking lot lighting, Hospitality and signs for first time visitors to our church.

How does it roll into a capital campaign? One is scheduled to start in October of this year to start the campaign again based on new priorities. There are many steps that need to take place listed below.

1. Hire architects for the vision
2. Manage the budget and come back to One Board then the church for approval.
3. We then vote and hire the fund-raising consultant to help. One has already been identified as Norma Gwinn. She has helped many other churches with their vision to expand.
4. The building committee is expected to meet again to discuss the results of this meeting and priorities that were established.

Pastor David closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Donna Lewis.

The next meeting is May 20, 2025.