

Senoia United Methodist Church (SUMC)

Leadership Board Meeting January 11, 2026

ATTENDEES:

Dr. Julie Schendel, Pastor

Board Members: Peter Fenner, Wayne Geoffrion, Rod Glover, Mary Lynn Haycraft, Jennifer Meares, Sam Sweat, Kimberly Tinsley, Ginger Wright

Absent: Maurice Ungaro

Guests & Visiting Church Members: NA

Welcome Guests, remarks from the floor—*Ginger Wright*

AGENDA

Opening Prayer/Devotional—*Pastor Julie*

Recording Minutes: *Peter Fenner*

Opening Business

Review and approval of previous meeting's minutes—*Ginger Wright*

- We did not have minutes from December's meeting. The budget was discussed and unanimously approved as presented.
- Rod is joining Ginger as a co-chair this year to learn the role, with the intent to become the chair in 2027. Rod is also serving as the "Nudger" who helps remind people of completing tasks in a timely manner.

Welcome New Members

- Pictures for Website
 - Jennifer, Maurice, Peter, Mary Lynn, Wayne should submit a picture to Amie before the February meeting.
- Updates for Notebooks
 - Leadership Notebooks not ready due to internet and copier malfunctions.
 - New members encouraged to review LB Guiding Principles and Job Description on church website:
<https://senoiaumc.org/about-us/our-team-leadership-board>
- Assign Finance and Trustees Team Leaders

- Sam volunteered for Trustee Leadership, with Kimberly & Peter assisting.
- Wayne volunteered to oversee Finance, with Jennifer assisting.
- Wayne volunteered to help with Office IT.

Old Business

- Trustee Update:
 - Installation of final Automatic Door for Sanctuary (Derek to be nudged).
 - HVAC System—Upkeep and Energy Savings Actions
 - We keep discussing options on how to save money on HVAC, but have yet to come up with a solution. This will need to be a separate team to tackle next steps.
 - Condensate line—Sam and Wayne to follow up about piping directing water outside the building.
- Arrangements for Leadership Board Retreat—see Future Meeting Dates.

New Business

- Schedule Devotionals and Recording Minutes—see Future Meeting Dates.
 - Devotionals assigned thru May
 - Minutes—Peter
- Optimist Meetings: \$25/month for JOY room
 - Optimist is requesting to use the JOY room on 1st Thursdays (time TBA) for a rental fee of \$25/month. Sam motioned to allow this agreement. Peter seconded. All approved. Update: The Optimist Club elected to meet somewhere else instead.
- Training Opportunities:
 - Launching Your Church Council webinar: Jan 22nd, 7:00-8:30 pm
<https://www.ngumc.org/eventdetail/19524554?month=1&year=2026&day=1&display=m>
 - Faithful Finances: Jan 24th, 1:00-5:00 pm, Cornerstone UMC
<https://northga-reg.brtapp.com/SWDistrictTrainingFaithfulFinances>
- SPR Session

Future Meeting Dates:

- February 8th (JOY Room), March 8th, April 12th, May 17th—12:15 pm

- January 30th & 31st—Leadership Board Retreat, 6:30-8:30 pm Friday, 10:00-3:00 pm Saturday, at I-58. Eat dinner before you arrive Friday. We will cater lunch on Saturday.
- Future Devotional Leaders: February—Rod, March—Jennifer, April—Kimberly, May—Wayne

Devotional for next month—*Rod Glover*

Minutes for next month—*Peter Fenner*

Closing Prayer—*Sam Sweat*

Minutes Submitted by—*Peter Fenner*

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Amie—add Team Leaders to Bulletin & Website so people know who to contact for concerns. Deadline—1/25/26.
2. Rod—nudge Derrick about finishing automatic door calibration and installing new automation to Sanctuary door. Deadline—ASAP.
3. Wayne & Sam—will look at pump/outside hose for drip pan in AC unit above Pastor's office. Deadline—2/8/26.
4. Jennifer, Maurice, Peter, Mary Lynn, Wayne should submit a picture to Amie before the February meeting. Otherwise, one will be taken at the meeting and uploaded.
5. Need lunch coordinator for Leadership Board Retreat on. January 31st—ASAP.
6. Need sub-team to explore options for HVAC usage and money saving solutions—ASAP.
7. All Members—complete reading of Pursuing God's Will Together, all chapters, before retreat. Deadline: 1/30/26.