

Unified Church Board of the UMCM Minutes from August 12, 2024

Board Members Present: Susan Hohs, Peggy Spraggins, Paul Pendleton, Linda Blankenship, Al Fellner, Dale Leppo, Kent Shellko Julie Bahr, Karen Fike, Brett Neff, David Fike

Board Members not present: Rosanne Smith, and Greg Harris

Staff present: Pastor Josh Elliott, Cathy Miller, Jill Marlow and Denise Pince

Chairpersons and guest present: Doug Wyer, Finance Guidance Team, Kevin Smith, Assistant Trustee

Paul Pendleton – Devotion – Board met in the Narthex, for a team building exercise and devotions, worked with the next step on a theme that was developed on Worship on bringing more disciples to Christ.

Pastor Josh Elliott – opened with a prayer.

July 8th meeting minutes – Paul Pendleton made a motion to approve the minutes of July 8th and Brett Neff second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Church Finance Report – Doug Wyer

At the UCB meeting on July 8th Doug made a recommendation to immediately apply \$100,000 of the Beard Scholarship Fund to the mortgage principle and begin transferring general giving donations to the Beard Scholarship Fund in accordance with the revised Beard Scholarship Fund Policy. However, Doug stated that \$100,000 was not applied to the mortgage principle because after discussion with the Finance Guidance Team, only \$33,000 would be applied due to penalties for prepaying at \$100,000. Jill Marlow transferred \$67,000 back to the Beard Scholarship Fund. Peggy Spraggins made a motion to approve the decision of the Finance Guidance Team and Susan Hohs second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Doug Wyer – prepared a capital cost projects planning log for this year for the UCB to review based on estimated costs.

Trustee: Al Fellner/ Kevin Smith – handed out their report on the status of the capital projects at the church and parsonage

Christian Education – Cathy Miller – reported on a Kid Check program. The program is about making keeping the children safe when attending Sunday school and a special event here at the church. The cost is \$45.00 dollars a month on a month-to-month basis, or a premier package for \$62.00 which can be upgraded for VBS or special event. This program would allow parents to “check in” their children and receive a coded “receipt” that they would use when picking up their children.

Picture Directory – It was asked if it was possible to resurrect the picture directory that was started in 2023. Cathy Miller said she will talk to Kathy Kohrs to see if she would be willing to put one together.

Movie Night is Sunday, August 18th at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary. Open for all ages. “Family Friendly” movie.

Rally Day is scheduled for Sunday, September 8th at 11:00am. Potluck Luncheon – Blessing of the Backpacks (and Briefcases!).

Old Business:

1. **Website update** – Kent Shellko – Desiree Perry has completed the changes to the website however, updates will be continued to be made as needed.
2. **Paul Pendleton** – Jason Moore progress, Paul - nothing to report.
3. **Exterior Improvements Teams:**

Parking Lot – Eric Hughes, Manager, Eric will be working with Al Fellner and Kevin Smith on this project. Sept 16th is the start date with resurfacing being done in 2 sections. Al/Kevin will walk through with the contractor 2 weeks before they start.

Radical Hospitality Task Force

Doug Wyer, Linda Wyer and Gina Picoult – Changes have taken place; sanctuary pews and all seventy-five chairs (in the Choir Room and Holbrook Room) are being recovered, navy blue and gray fabric starting in November. The Office Hallway to the Holbrook Room, the Holbrook Room, Narthex and Sanctuary the painting is done. The acoustical tiles in the Narthex are also have been cleaned and done. The coffee area, Welcome Center and Resource Center in the Holbrook Room still need to be built. Decisions will be made as to where pictures and other memorial plaques will be hung. The water fill still needs to be revamped to have filtered water. Signs will be installed soon.

Fellowship Hall, kitchen and downstairs, - are in the works.

Communication – Kent Shellko, nothing to report.

Lollipop Preschool – Greg was able to contact the President of Lollipop and found out that the Parent meeting is August 26th and the children will be returning right after Labor Day.

New Business

Enhanced Revenue Task Force - Peggy Spraggins, reported that she would like 2 more members to join the task force. Peggy said that the Task Force will be looking at ways to enhance revenue to support church programs. She cautioned that being the church is a non-profit organization and tax exempt, we need to be careful on how we do this.

Ai Task Force – Paul Pendleton and Pastor Josh Elloitt – waiting on Jason Moore’s book to come out.

Parsonage Visits - Pastor Josh Elliott – Had hosted small groups at the Parsonage over the last couple of weeks. He reported that the visits went well. He stated that he was surprised that the groups had spoken about being members of the congregation from 15 to 40 years and did not know everyone in their group or in the church.

The UCB board thanked Cathy Miller and Linda Blankenship for the snacks they provided.

Missions – Pastor Josh – spoke about looking into hands on opportunities for church missions that will change lives. He is asking if people are interested in regional, national or international opportunities to let him know.

Salary Recommendations – Susan announced that the discussion on salary recommendations for 2024 is on hold until September’s meeting.

Other Discussion – The Board decided that minutes from the UCB meetings will be posted on the United Methodist website. A link for the website will be added into the weekly messenger for direct access to the minutes. In addition, a hard copy will be placed into a binder and put on the Resource Center in the Holbrook Room once it is built. Karen Fike made a motion for this change, David Fike second the motion and all members present voted in favor of the motion.

New Business

David Fike – reported that the Control Panel for the Sewage System for the church has two pumps. Currently, only one pump is working. As the church activities grow, it will put more demand on the system. David highly recommended that the panel needs to be replaced right now. He added that the panel is only controlling one pump and if it goes down the church services and their weekly activities will need to be canceled. The church really needs two pumps alternating, which the new panel will provide. At an estimated cost of around \$1,920.00. Dale Leppo made motion to set aside \$2,500 for the Control Panel to be replaced, Susan Hohns second the motion and all members present voted in favor of the motion.

Future Meeting Dates

Meeting dates in 2024 (Second Monday at 7:00PM): Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, 2024

Meeting Closed: With a Prayer by Pastor Josh Elliott

Meeting Adjourned: 8:35 pm.

Notes prepared by D. Pince