

Unified Church Board of the UMCM Minutes from February 12, 2024 - Draft

Present: Al Fellner, Rosanne Smith, Dale Leppo, Brett Neff, David Fike, Greg Harris, Kent Shellko, Kevin Smith, Julie Bahr, Doug Wyer, Linda Bloom (staff) Pastor Josh Elliott, Cathy Miller, and Denise Pince

Pastor Josh Elliott – opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from December 11, 2024, meeting. Minutes approved. Greg Harris made the motion to approve, Kent Shellko seconded the motion, all in favor, motion was approved.

Church Finance Report – Doug Wyer – presented a motion from the finance group to approve the 2024 Budget (Jill sent out to the UCB members). Dale Leppo made the motion to approved, Greg Harris seconded the motion, all in favor, motion was approved.

Treasurer's Items/Decisions – Jill Marlow – was not present. Doug Wyer presented a motion on behalf of Jill Marlow that a motion was to approve the transfer of the Memorial Fund, full balance to the Street Ministry Fund. Kent Shellko made the motion, David Fike seconded the motion, all in favor, motion was approved.

Trustee: Al Fellner/ Kevin Smith passed out their reports.

Old Business:

1. **Parsonage Update:** Al Fellner/Kevin Smith – Pastor Josh said that he and his wife Margo will be replacing the back sliding door, updating the master bathroom shower and a door for the laundry room. Discussion was that the church pays for the repairs/improvements, and then Pastor Josh and his wife make payments to the church. Nothing was approved.
2. **Church Candy,** (Digital Marketing for Churches) Pastor Josh Elliott, Jill Marlow, Desiree Perry, and Kent Shellko are working on this program. It had been approved to pay \$500.00 a month and we are only paying \$250.00. The advertising is geared toward the ages of 25 -55 – about 40 families showed interest in attending services, two families showed. This service is on a trial basis for 90 days ending on March 1st. Discussion ensued about whether to continued or discontinued the program. Desiree Perry will work with instant gram for updates to keep the church in social media. Julie Bahr made the motion to discontinue the service, Dale Leppo seconded the motion, all in favor. Motion was approved.
3. Website update – Jill Marlow, Theresa Johnson from Faith Methodist in Twinsburg, and Desiree Perry are working to update the church website.

New Business:

Radical Hospitality Task Force

Greeting-Narthex - Dale Leppo – reported he would like better name tags for the 23 Ushers we have. Dale Leppo was going to meet with Jill Marlow and Cathy Miller.

Coffee Area – Rosanne Smith – Coffee Area has been relocated to the Welcome Center. People use coffee before the service. Coffee is moved to Holbrook Room during service and less people are going to the Holbrook Room after service. She hopes that everyone will follow to the Holbrook Room after services for fellowship.

Electronic Calendar – Jill Marlow – was not present.

Aesthetics – Cathy Miller – Restroom sign was moved, TV was moved from the Holbrook Room to the Aldersgate Room, the nursery is being worked on.

Sanitation – Linda Blankenship – was not present.

Functionality – Karen Fike- was not present. storage room is being cleaned out and old banners will be thrown out. Christmas stuff and lectern will be moved to basement. Shelving will be built.

Expert Jason Moore – Pastor Josh presented this opportunity for his consultation, on visualizing hospitality, website and live services for the church, possibly starting in April. His fee is \$3,000.00 plus expenses. The conference is willing to pay \$2,000.00, so the church would have to pay \$1,000.00 plus approximately \$600 for expenses for his services.

Task Group Updates:

Christian Education – Cathy Miller – Chili Cookoff is Sunday, February 25th, Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 16th. Maundy – Thursday Pageant is Thursday, March 28th.

Missions: Still need a champion

Safety in the Sanctuary – Cathy Miller is looking and gathering more information for safety in the Sanctuary.

Miscellaneous

Further discussions will be needed regarding A/C for the offices of Northern Waters District (EOC). These discussions will include whether to install window units or tie into the furnace ducts. The Fellowship Hall round tables are missing leg locks and need to be fixed.

Future Meeting Dates

Meeting dates in 2024 (Second Monday at 7:00PM):

March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 8:30 pm. David Fike made a motion to adjourn, Dale Leppo seconded, all in favor, motion approved.

Notes prepared by D. Pince