

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

Present: Paul Pendleton, Linda Blankenship, Rosanne Smith, Dale Leppo, Brett Neff, David Fike, Greg Harris, Peggy Spraggins, Karen Fike, Susan Hohns, Kent Shellko, Kevin Smith, Julie Bahr, (staff) Pastor Josh Elliott, Cathy Miller, Jill Marlow, and Denise Pince

We met at Cathy Miller's house on Friday, January 12, 2024, for the UCB Meeting and the start of the Retreat for Leadership.

Pastor Josh Elliott – opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes from December 11, 2024, meeting. Minutes approved.

Special Thank you were given to Paul Pendleton, Peggy Spraggins and Al Fellner for all they have done for the UCB Board.

Finance Report – Doug

There are important financial items that need to be considered over future meetings: Parking Lot repairs, old church roof, sewage pumping station, refinancing mortgage, Fellowship Hall floor. Will need estimates for repairs. This will need to be voted on in a future meeting.

Mortgage: \$9595.00 directly to the principal total \$483,190.71.

David Fike - will get estimates for the Parking Lot which are about \$165,000.00 to \$200,000.00. Estimates for the sewage pump, catch basins, sidewalks, and Fellowship Hall. It will then be decided what is the priority to fix first.

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

Old Business:

1. **Parsonage Update:** Al Fellner/Kevin Smith – molding still needs to be done. Pastor Josh said that he and his wife Margo will be replacing the back sliding door and updating the master bathroom shower.
2. **Sanctuary Roof Replacement** – joints and soffits: Flat roof needs to be sealed from front to back.
3. **New Custodian** Ted will not be coming on board with the church.
4. **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 – 1 family showed interest in attending services but didn't show. This service is on a trial basis for 90 days.
5. Website update – Jill Marlow and Theresa Johnson from Faith Methodist in Twinsburg are working to update the church website.

New Business:

Church Keys to the Building – Started an inventory of who has church keys for Denise’s records.

Radical Hospitality Task Force – On September 13th, they started to meet weekly. The team was headed up by Pastor Josh Elliott and consisted of 6 more people - Linda Blankenship, Susan Hohns, Dale Leppo, Cathy Miller, Ginger Posar, and Rosanne Smith.

They started the process by looking at the church through the eyes of a first-time visitor. They walked around the church looking at areas/items that needed repaired, replaced, relocated, or added. They then broke the projects into two phases.

Phase 1 is “easy fixes” and can be addressed quickly and for a minimal cost to improve the first impression of the church and create a feel of excitement for the current members. Each section will be headed up by a volunteer to form a task group and update each area.

Phase 2 was divided into five zones, which is a little more involved. Each zone has a list of items/projects that were identified as necessary to improve the hospitality, functionality, safety, sanitation, and security of the church. This will take more time and cost.

Greeting-Narthex - Dale Leppo – working on new coffee mugs to be available at the Welcome Center.

Coffee Area – Rosanne Smith – Coffee Area is being rearranged to the Welcome Center; new coffee pots have been ordered.

Electronic Calendar – Jill Marlow – did not have a report yet.

Aesthetics – Cathy Miller – work in progress.

Sanitation – Linda Blankenship – attached report.

Functionality – Karen Fike- reported that Nancy Shearon was also will be help where needed.

Staff Support Connections and their liaison:

Pastor Josh:	Linda Blankenship
Pastor Charlie Tobias:	Kent Shellko
Cathy Miller:	Julie Bahr
Denise Pince:	Rosanne Smith
Jill Marlow:	Karen Fike
Emilio Jarufe:	Paul Pendleton
Stephen Cline:	Linda Bloom

Future Meeting Dates

- a. Meeting dates in 2024 (Second Monday at 7:00PM):
Feb. 12, March 11, April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8, Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11
and Dec. 9, 2024

Meeting Adjourned: 7:17 pm.

Notes prepared by D. Pince