

Unified Church Board of the UMCM Minutes from July 8, 2024

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

Board Members not present: Rosanne Smith, and Kent Shellko

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

Chairpersons and guest present: Doug Wyer, Finance Guidance Team Chair; and Gina Picoult, Hospitality Task Group.

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.

Pastor Josh Elliott – opened with a prayer.

June 10th meeting minutes – Peggy made a motion to approve the minutes of June 10th and Paul Pendleton second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Church Finance Report – Doug Wyer

After a brief explanation of the presentation to the congregation on July 7th on the changes to the Beard Scholarship policy, Doug recommended that the board approve the revised Beard Scholarship Fund Policy to incorporate the stipulations outlined in the Ohio Attorney General ruling regarding the use of the Beard Scholarship Fund. Susan Hohs moved to approve the recommendation as stated by Doug. David Fike seconded the motion which was approved by the board unanimously.

Doug made a second 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.

Peggy asked for clarification that since the current balance of the fund is \$109,000 that only \$100,000 will be applied to the mortgage and the fund will have a remaining balance of \$9,000. Doug confirmed that this was correct. Dale Leppo moved to approve Doug's recommendation; David Fike seconded the motion which was approved by the Board.

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

Trustee: Al Fellner/ Kevin Smith – handed out their report.

Christian Education – Cathy Miller – requested a repair maintenance request for an air conditioner be purchase for the Wesley Room (Sunday School Room). Cathy thanked all who helped with VBS. There were over 40 volunteers, with 25 children participating. There were four children who were vacationing during VBS week but were able to participate in VBS Sunday. Cathy also said she was excited to have two new teachers, Sam Shellko and Evan Goga.

Old Business:

1. **Website update** – Kent Shellko (not present), Jill Marlow reported that Desiree Perry, has been the one taking charge of the updating of the Website.
2. **Paul Pendleton** – Jason Moore progress, Paul has been working on the recommendations that were submitted and stated that the Board will be working on one each month as we move forward.
3. **Exterior Improvements Teams:**
Parking Lot – Eric Hughes, Manager, Eric will be working with Al Fellner and Kevin Smith on this project.

Al stated that the church received three bids to do the asphalt paving, sidewalk repairs and stripping ranging from \$135,100 to over \$178,000. He said they selected the lowest bid for the work. The sidewalk repair has started this week. He added the entire parking lot will be resurfaced. The total cost for the project is \$135,100. The resurfacing will start in August or September. Greg was concerned about Lollipop starting when the resurfacing was going on. Al said that he will keep Lollipop and the other groups that use the church during the week informed as to the dates the asphalt will be laid.

Radical Hospitality Task Force

Dale Leppo and Gina Picoult – Changes are taking place; sanctuary pews and all seventy-five chairs (in the Choir Room and Holbrook Room) are being recovered, navy blue and gray fabric. The Office Hallway to the Holbrook Room, the Holbrook Room, Narthex and Sanctuary are being painted, colors are Vanillin, Doran Gray, Taupe, the ceiling, and trim are staying white. The painting will be starting on Monday, July 15th. The coffee area is going to be built with a fake wall behind same wall behind the Welcome Center for lighting. The water fill area will be revamped to have filter water. Signs will be installed when the painting is completed. The acoustical tiles in the Narthex are also being cleaned this week.

Fellowship Hall, kitchen and downstairs, - Brent had his team prepare an estimate to replace the cabinets in the kitchen. The estimated was \$22,000, however this did not include the countertops or removal or installation. He thought maybe we could get volunteers to do the demolition and the installation. There was a short discussion about installing the floor in the Fellowship Hall and Kitchen as it should be done at the same time.

Communication – Kent Shellko, not present

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

Parsonage Visits: Pastor Josh Elliott - will be hosting small groups at the Parsonage over the next couple of weeks. He will post information on the dates and time on Sunday. The session will include Small Group Discussions, with 8 people per group, sign-up sheets will be posted in the Narthex. He will also have two sessions online for those who cannot get out to come to the Parsonage.

Wellness Checks – Jill Marlow - Jill stated she is able to track attendance on Sundays from the information on the Get to Know Your Neighbor Pads and those who check in online. She said if a person is not present for 3 weeks, she will send the list to Pastor Josh and Charlie who will then determine if a call or visit is needed.

Pastor Josh Elliott, challenged the Board to come up with ideas on how we can use our church and/or property to earn money, such as vending machines for the AA Groups, charging stations in the parking lot, etc.

David Fike mentioned that the church needs to look into replacing the Sewage System as the church grows. Right now, there is only one pump and if it goes down the church services and its weekly activities will need to be canceled. The church really needs two pumps, at an estimated cost of around \$5,000.

Future Meeting Dates

Meeting dates in 2024 (Second Monday at 7:00PM): Aug. 12, Sept. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, and Dec. 9, 2024

Meeting Closed: With a Prayer by Pastor Josh Elliott

Meeting Adjourned: 8:55 pm.

Notes prepared by D. Pince