

Unified Church Board of the UMCM Minutes from March 11, 2024

Present: Susan Hohs, Peggy Spraggins, Paul Pendleton, Linda Blankenship, Al Fellner, Dale Leppo, Brett Neff, David Fike, Greg Harris, Kevin Smith, Julie Bahr, Doug Wyer, Linda Bloom (staff), Cathy Miller, and Denise Pince

Paul Pendleton – opened the meeting with a Devotion, on Leadership, we offer oneself to improve the condition of others. Suggests book Lead for God Sake with 5 purposes: Love Other People, Love Others, Christ Like, Serve Other, Tell Others.

Paul Pendleton - prayer

Church Finance Report – Doug Wyer – Contributions are the same as last year this time, Apportionments are paid as per budget \$1,500 a month. Balance owed on the mortgage is \$477,000 with a 4.6% interest rate and will be up for refinancing on August 2025.

Trustee: Al Fellner/ Kevin Smith passed out their reports. They touch base with the new cleaning company– Service Solution Now, comes once a week and Evan Goga will be in once a week emptying the trash, bathrooms, and Lollipop bathrooms per their contract. Maintenance issues are rising, and repairs will need thorough out. Waiting for estimates for the repairs in the Fellowship Hall and mentioning that the board will need to discuss air conditioning in the EOC offices.

Peggy Spraggins spoke regarding the (UCB) Unified Church Board, when it was being formed, that there could be provisions for members to be added. Kevin Smith has stepped in to help Al Fellner (as he recovered), as a secondary Trustee. Peggy Spraggins asked if the board could recognize Kevin Smith as an Assistant Trustee for all the hard work has done. Peggy Spraggins made the first motion, David Fike second the motion, all were in favor, motion was approved.

Old Business:

1. **Parsonage:** Pastor Josh and his wife would like to update the shower and back sliding door and utility room. Pastor Josh has requested if it could be financed by the church, and they will make the payments on the account for tax purposes. Doug Wyers will set up a line item for adjusting the budget. This will be a plus for the parsonage and the church since the church owns the parsonage.
2. Website update – Jill Marlow, was not present.
3. Accordion door for the Fellowship Hall coffee station, Brett Neff is still working on getting pricing because the door is not a standard size.

New Business:

Radical Hospitality Task Force

Greeting-Narthex - Dale Leppo's, report was passed out and the task force has been working on new name tags for the ushers and making a different color for the nurses. Dale also talked on the Coffee Mugs, Gina Picoult has volunteered to make the church logos for the mugs. Two different sizes one is a 12 oz mug and not dishwasher safe, the other one is 20 oz stainless steel and is dishwasher safe. Dale Leppo made the motion to start with 24 of them, Paul Pendleton second the motion and all were in favor, motion was approved.

Coffee Area – Rosanne Smith, was not present.

Electronic Calendar – Jill Marlow – was not present.

Aesthetics – Cathy Miller – The Signage for the nursery has been taken care of. Shelves have been made. Thank you to Ingrid and Eric Hughes, Linda Blankenship, and Sam.

Sanitation – Linda Blankenship – report was passed out and they are working on redesigning.

Functionality – Karen Fike- was not present.

Expert Jason Moore – In February, 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. As discussed, tonight, it was not approved yet.

Task Group Updates:

Christian Education – Cathy Miller – Chili Cookoff was Sunday, February 25th, everyone enjoyed. Rosanne Smith was the winner and took home the apron. Eggstravaganza is Saturday, March 16th. Maundy – Thursday Pageant is Thursday, March 28th. UWF Bake Sales is Tuesday, March 19th. UWF Candy Sale is Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday), Confirmations are Wednesday, March 27th. More busy bags have been made and are available for young visitors who don't have a bag, they are located in the Narthex. Cathy would like to possibly set a trifold wall up for nursing moms in the nursery. Kent Shellko and Evan Goga mention they would like to become Sunday School teachers.

Cathy Miller – presented a request for approval for a Girl Scout Cookie Booth, either a Saturday or Sunday for her granddaughter Oliva to sale cookies. Peggy Spraggins made the motion to approve the booth, Greg Harris second the motion, all were in favor, motion was approved.

Safety in the Sanctuary – Cathy Miller spoke on Safety Incident Training for Staff, Ushers, Greeters, Lollipop. Cathy has left a message to the Chief of Police to contact her.

Future Meeting Dates

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

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

Meeting Closed With a Prayer

Meeting Adjourned: 8:40 pm.

Notes prepared by D. Pince