

## **Unified Church Board of the UMCM Minutes from November 11, 2024**

Board Members Present: Susan Hohs, Peggy Spraggins, Dale Leppo, Karen Fike, David Fike, Rosanne Smith, Al Fellner, Brett Neff, Linda Blankenship, Julie Bahr

Board Members not present: Paul Pendleton, Greg Harris, Kent Shellko

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

Chairpersons and guest present: Kevin Smith, Assistant Trustee; Team Chair; Gina Picoult, Hospitality Task Group. Finance Guidance Not Present – Doug Wyer

**Pastor Josh Elliott** – opened with prayer

**October 14<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes** – Julie Bahr made a motion to approve the minutes of October 14<sup>th</sup> and Linda Blankenship second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

**Church Finance Report** – Doug Wyer – Not present.

**Trustee:** Al Fellner/ Kevin Smith – handed out their report on the status of the capital projects. The Fellowship Hall door to the outside will not open, needs repaired. 120 new Lifetime chairs and chair racks were ordered and have come in. The old metal chairs will be stored in the barn. One rack and 72 chairs will hopefully be sold on Facebook Market Place. The closet still needs paint, a few cosmetic things need fixed and cleaned. Six new 6” aluminum coat racks (two) have been ordered. One new aluminum mini blind has been ordered and will be installed to see how it looks. A new TV has been installed in the Narthex. The TV at the entrance to the Fellowship Hall may be replaced. Kitchen remodeling ideas and suggestions have been reviewed and we have decided to go with J.P. Cabinets. Gina Picoult and her team are deciding on the colors for the cabinets and counter tops. The coffee bar is also being considered for remodeling (\$8,000.00), or perhaps that area could be used for something else (Vending Machines). Looking into revising the Building Agreement for renting any of our facilities under custodian cleaning up and what will be required. Parking Lot lighting more lighting is needed for the outside of the building and the safety of the staff and members. It was suggested that we call Emery Electric Security System to see if we can enhance the wattage of the lights. The new pew cushions were completed and installed along with some of the chairs. Some areas on the wood pews have been damaged and will have to be addressed before payment. The crew will be back on 11/18/24 to finish the rest of the chairs. It was decided that we will not use wax candles in the Sanctuary for Christmas Eve, but we will use battery candles instead.

**Dale Leppo** – Addressed the roof, there is four to five places that need to be look at for possible water leakage or condensation. David Fike said he will look at it.

**David Fike** – reported that the Control Panel for the Sewage System for the church has come in and is waiting to be installed. The man installing the system should be here next week to install.

**Christian Education** – Cathy Miller – reported the new laptop has come in and thanks everyone for it. The Salvation Army would like to pair up with us as a church to help ring the bell this season. Evan Goga has been working on forming a youth praise team with musical instruments. The first group of Safe Sanctuary Training is completed, and the second group will be done this week. “Kids Check-In” will be starting with a \$45.00 fee a month, which will come out the Kids First Fund.

Cathy said that if anyone would like any of the pumpkins that are still around to please take them for free. The Electric Sign out front is not working and needs a control panel replaced with the estimated cost (\$1,500.00).

It was discussed that lighting the Avent Wreath would be lit by someone in the congregation. The new candles will be blue and pink. December 1<sup>st</sup> is “Hanging of the Greens” with a potluck lunch of (Soup) and contest. The winner will receive a \$25.00 Amazon gift card. Children’s Pageant will be Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> followed by a potluck lunch. Cathy stated that this Sunday she will not be in service; because she is joining her granddaughter Olivia in a 5K run in Mayfield for “Girls on the Run”.

**Photo Directory** – Cathy Miller and Kathy Kohrs had extended the date, in order to give more time for the members to respond. Now it is just working on putting together.

#### **Old Business:**

**Website and Communications** - Kent Shellko – Not present.

**Radical Hospitality** – Dale Leppo - handed out the committee’s report – The large wooden plaques have been hung. There are many more pictures etc. they are in the Library and Choir Room. Welcome Center was moved back to the old spot. Furniture slides have been ordered. Resource Center has been placed on hold. Internal signage is being worked on. Outside signage will be done in spring. Dale said that a lot of great things will be happening in spring.

**Enhanced Revenue Task Force** - Peggy Spraggins said that her committee was meeting on Tuesday. She suggested that two or three people should work together on the items that are selected by the committee. Pastor Josh Elliott mention that Denise Pince received a call for a woman who runs a yoga class for kids and is looking for a new space to rent. Pastor Josh is meeting with her on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, to discussed further possibilities of renting space here at the church.

**Scatter Garden** – Debbie Rudder - Not present.

#### **New Business:**

**New Monthly Messenger** – Peggy Spraggins met with Pastor Josh Elliott and Peggy graciously accepted the challenge of putting together a New Monthly Messenger with a New Name, which will be starting in January 2025. It will collaborate, worship, outreach, and events that have occurred during the month. The Weekly Messenger will remain the same with upcoming events.

**UCB Liaison to Staff Members for 2025**

Pastor Josh:	Brett Neff
Pastor Charlie Tobias:	Rosanne Smith
Cathy Miller:	Linda Blankenship
Denise Pince:	David Fike
Jill Marlow:	Dale Leppo
Emilio Jarufe:	Paul Pendleton ?
Stephen Cline:	Susan Hohs

**Three UCB Member who will be stepping down:** Al Fellner, Karen Fike, Greg Harris  
**New Member who will be stepping on:** Doug Wyer, Kevin Smith, and Gina Picoult.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:13pm, with a closing prayer lead by Pastor Josh Elliott

Next meeting: December 9<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm Christmas Party – D’Angelo’s Restaurant  
7995 Darrow Rd, Twinsburg.

**2025 – UCB – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday every Month 7:00-8:30pm – Holbrook Room**  
**Jan. 13, Feb. 10, Mar. 10, Apr. 14, May 12, Jun. 9, Jul. 14, Aug. 11, Sept. 8, Oct. 13,**  
**Nov. 10, Dec 8.**

Notes prepared by D. Pince