

Unified Church Board of the UMCM Minutes from September 9, 2024

Board Members Present: Susan Hohs, Peggy Spraggins, Dale Leppo, Kent Shellko, Julie Bahr, Karen Fike, David Fike

Board Members not present: Paul Pendleton, Rosanne Smith, Greg Harris, Brett Neff, Al Fellner, Linda Blakenship

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

Chairpersons and guest present: Kevin Smith, Assistant Trustee, Debbie Rudder

Pastor Josh Elliott – opened with a prayer.

Dale Leppo – Devotion – Dale asked everyone to state (3) three things you are grateful for. Everyone shared their feelings. And what was mostly said was family, friends, and their church.

August 12th meeting minutes – Peggy Spraggins made a motion to approve the minutes of August 12th and Kent Shellko second the motion. All members present voted in favor of the motion.

Church Finance Report – Doug Wyer - was not present.

Trustee: Al Fellner/ Kevin Smith – handed out their report on the status of the capital projects at the church and parsonage.

Christian Education – Cathy Miller – reported on Rally Day and stated that lots of pictures were taken, non-parents and grandparents enjoyed watching the children at the bounce house. Book bags were blessed by Pastor Josh Elloit.

Nordonia Hills Prayer Night at Longwood Park: - Cathy stated there will be prayer night at Longwood Park on 9/12/24 at 6:30PM in the pavilion.

Blessing of the Pets: - Cathy also said that Pastor Josh will lead a Blessing of the Pets on Saturday, 9/14/24 at 2:00 pm

Volunteering to run the Nordonia Hills Football Concession Stand – Cathy asked for volunteers to help work the concession stand at Nordonia High School on Friday 10/11/24 so that the players parents can watch the game. She said this is a great way to be present in the community.

Trunk ‘n’ Treat – Cathy said the church will hold Trunk ‘n Treat on Saturday, 10/26/24 from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm. in the parking lot. She asked for volunteers to have their trunks decorated and to pass out treats.

Old Business:

Website and Communications - Kent Shellko – nothing to report.

Parking Lot – Cardinal Asphalt – Kevin stated that the parking lot will be resurfaced starting September 16th weather permitting. The lot will be done in 2 phases, one right after the other. Stripping the parking lot and identifying handicap spots will follow.

Radical Hospitality – Dale Leppo - handed out the committee report – the report includes the plans for the various hangings on the wall, the signage requirements, Gina Picoult's report on Roger's work for creating the coffee bar and Ron and Carolyn Brown, who have agreed to refinish the "old" pews in the Narthex to match as closely as possible to the pews in the Sanctuary so they can be reupholstered when the pews in the Sanctuary and chairs are to be done in November. Karen Fike asked about the memorial choir plaques and asked for a review of the plans for their location.

Fellowship Hall, kitchen and downstairs, - The renovation work continues in the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen and downstairs. The Fellowship Hall painting is completed, and the flooring is in the process of being laid. Kevin said that the church was able to save a lot of money by having the members volunteer their time. He thanked all those who have been working on the project.

Lollipop Preschool – Greg Harris – was not present – Lollipop is back in session.

Photo Directory – Cathy stated that Kathy Kohrs is agreeable to put together the picture directory. Cathy asked if the Board would prefer her to use the material she has now or wait until early next year and take additional pictures of those who did not have their pictures taken last spring. It was agreed that if Kathy Kohrs could take additional pictures or our members could submit their own pictures electronically, we should wait until 2025 to publish.

New Business

Enhanced Revenue Task Force - Peggy Spraggins, distributed her report to the Board. She stated that the members of the Task Force include Kurt Laubinger, Greg Svoboda, Patty Ebner and Cathy Miller. The task force to identify ways that the UMC of Macedonia could bring in additional revenue. (not member's contributions) to support the church and missions. She asked all the Board members for their ideas and then will submit a revised report to everyone before the next meeting, so we can begin to establish priorities.

Scatter Garden – Guest Debbie Rudder- Present and opportunity for the UMC of Macedonia to create a memorial garden and be able scatter cremated ashes that are allowed by Ohio Laws. This place could be out in the courtyard. Peggy Spraggins suggested for her to head up subcommittee and present it to the board next month. Pastor Josh Elloit encouraged her to be creative in the process.

Pastor Josh Elliott – reported that he and Denise Pince will be creating a new monthly messenger. The last page can be dedicated to any member of the congregation that might have a business to share.

The church next door requested that in case of an event they would use the UMC of Macedonia's parking lot. It was suggested that the Trustees prepare a letter for an agreement.

New Business

David Fike – reported that the Control Panel for the Sewage System for the church has been ordered and when it comes in get installed.

Staff were excused around 8:40pm for an Executive Session.

Peggy moved to go into the Executive Session for the purpose of salary discussion for staff. Kent seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dale moved to end the Executive Session and go back into the regular meeting. Karen Fike seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Dale moved to accept the resolution and recommendations for 2025 salaries for staff members as submitted by Paul Pendleton and Doug Wyer. Kent seconded the motion which was unanimously approved by the Board.

Susan Hohs announced that our Charge Conference will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 10:00 am at Brecksville United Methodist Church.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Future Meeting Dates

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

Notes prepared by D. Pince