

WBLUMC Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 | 7am

Members in attendance: Bill Eaves, Jeff Lantto, Bonnie Greenleaf
Members absent: Amy Swanson, Margie Grilley, Al Rausch

Opening prayer – Pastor Bill

Volunteer to take minutes- Julie

Minutes of 8-18-2020 Board Meeting were approved by email. The minutes were published, per membership request, on our website –special note the one published was slightly revised from the version we all approved. This was revised regarding our discussion of a confidential matter between a church member and the Board. We agree that if this type of situation arose again that we would amend the minutes in a similar manner.

Mike Hinz, Chair of the Nominating Committee, has two candidates willing to run for the Board of Directors, Jan Peterson and Chinwendu Oji. Bill shared with us the guidelines for the election. We need to give the congregation a 14 day notice of a charge conference which will be held via Zoom. We are hoping that Chin and Jan will be present to introduce themselves. We are potentially looking at Tuesday, October 6th at 7pm for this meeting. We will elect a Chair of the Board for the coming year at our October meeting when our new Board members are present.

Bill provided an update on the reopening committee's plans. Their members did an informal poll of attendees of the outdoor worship service on 9/13/2020. They asked about people's willingness to return to indoor worship. The results were mixed with a slight majority saying they would be willing. Worship services will look quite different than they have. There will be a maximum capacity of 50 people in the sanctuary, no singing or wind instruments, a shorter service (closer to 30 minutes), and no fellowship time in the building. Services will continue to be prerecorded for those who are not comfortable attending in person worship. The committee will be making a final decision this Monday, September 21st to determine whether we will move services indoors starting October 18th.

Bill gave us an update on finding a replacement for the Director of Children & Families. They have conducted three interviews and have made an offer to one of these candidates. They expect a response from her this week.

Gerry Keith reported that we are hopeful that the PPL Loan of \$88,700 will be forgiven later this Fall. If that occurs, they will make a request of the Board to approve its use as we consider the 2021 Budget. If it does not get forgiven, we will pay it back.

New AC systems are being installed on the roof this week including a new air filtration system.

Bill talked about A Year of Connection and what that looks like. The focus will be on how we can connect people to each other and to God. The hope is to enable these connections through small groups, classes, creative online ways to connect. One example is the Zoom communion service that is being held at 7pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

We thanked Bonnie for her time on the Board as this was her last meeting.