

Minutes

WBLUMC Board of Directors Meeting

June 16, 2020, 7:00AM via Zoom video call

Members Attending: Jeff Lantto, Pastor Bill Eaves, Bonnie Greenleaf, Amy Swanson, Margie Grilley, Julie Perreira, Al Rausch

Opening – Pastor Bill opened with a prayer

Minutes of the May 19, 2020 board meeting were approved by email and will be posted on the church website.

Volunteer to take minutes – Margie

Agenda Items:

Church and Staff Updates (Pastor Bill)

- Bill has talked with Mike Hinz, Chair of the Nominating Committee, about committee members who are due to leave their post at the end of June. They will be asked to stay on until September, which will give committee chairs and the Nominating Committee time to meet and find replacements.
- The federal Paycheck Protection Program loan money has been used to pay salaries for two months. Pat is now working on the loan forgiveness application to file with Bremer Bank.
- Joan Hartman, Director of Children & Families, who is our longest standing staff member, has resigned from her position effective at the end of June to become Director of Families at Anoka United Methodist Church. The Staff Parish committee met last week to begin the process of finding a replacement. The goal is to have someone in place by the fall. In the meantime, Missy will help fill her role, along with volunteers.
- Financial update – Bill reported that the Finance Committee continues to meet and financially we are sitting well. Our current giving is ahead of last year at this time and expenses are down.

Marketfest Update

- Marketfest has been officially cancelled for 2020. Julie reported that she was credited the application fee. There was discussion about other ways to reach out to the community and be present. There will be some Manitou events held in August, such as the Garage Sale (at the Lutheran Church next door on the 8th or the 22nd), the parade (Aug. 21st), and fireworks (Aug. 21st). Also, the farmer's market may still be held on Fridays. It is uncertain whether the historic house tour, of which our church was to be a part, will go on as planned.

Church Re-opening

- Lori McBride established an ad hoc committee to develop a plan for when and how we reopen the church. Al Rausch from the Board volunteered to work on this committee. Al reported that the group met on June 15 to identify prevailing principles of the church that will dictate how to move forward. They discussed how to establish protocols for small groups to meet, and when we can conceivably open to in-person worship. They are working toward allowing the church to be open for small group meetings starting in mid-July and open for in-person worship by fall at the earliest. He talked about the survey that was recently sent to the congregation on their feelings about re-opening the church. He reported that 50% would not attend in person at this time; 50% would attend outside services. They also talked about how to keep the online service as an option after opening and other creative ways to connect with people.
- Bill said he is talking with business leaders and other churches in the White Bear community to share ideas on re-opening.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 21 at 7:00AM.

UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES-as of 6-11-2020

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Minute Taker</u>	<u>Treat Provider</u>
2-18-20	Julie Perreira	Bonnie Greenleaf
3-24-20	Margie Grilley	
4-21-20	Julie Perreira	
5-19-20	Bonnie Greenleaf	
6-16-20	Margie Grilley	
7-21-20	_____?	
8-18-20	_____?	
9-15-20	_____?	
10-20-20	_____?	
11-17-20	_____?	
12-15-20	_____?	