

Minutes
WBLUMC Board of Directors Meeting
January 21, 2020 7:00AM Anchor Coffee House, WBL

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

Absent: Ginger Davis

Opening – Bill opened with a prayer

December 17, 2019 meeting minutes approved via email

Volunteer to Take Minutes – Margie; Treats provided by Amy and Bonnie

Agenda Items:

1) *2020 budget approved at 1/12/20 Charge Conference.* The focus was on the budget and was well-attended. A member suggested that the \$9k surplus be used to pay the mortgage, but this decision was referred back to the Finance committee. An anonymous member gave a donation to pay off one of the mortgages. There was a request from an attending member to make the BOD meeting minutes public. Bill will ensure that meeting minutes will be sent via eBlast and go on the website. Amy noted that the website and church calendar still lists our meetings as being held on 3rd Tuesday in the PM in the church Library.

2) *Growth Initiative.* Amy gave an update on the Growth Initiative: A brochure is currently being finalized; the Kiosk is set up in the Fellowship Hall; Mike Faust and Dave Bennett are writing a letter that will be sent to the superintendents of White Bear Lake and Mahtomedi school districts, introducing our church and describing the initiative; 8 dates have been proposed for events in 2020; Mike has talked to Missie and Joan about potential opportunities.

3) *New software to replace ACS.* Julie provided an update on the process of switching to the new software. Training will begin in February.

4) *Church Leadership Summit.* Scheduled for Saturday, January 25, 2020 from 9:00-Noon. Jeff reviewed the plans for the morning event, including the goals for the day.

5) *Endowment Fund request.* The board discussed ideas for applying for endowment funding. One suggestion was having a table at Marketfest. Bonnie said she will contact the organizer and obtain a quote. Other ideas include: attending Good Neighbor Days (Hugo) and Heritage Days (Vadnais Heights).

Visitor to the meeting: Peteria Cochran Routt provided an update on the church's technology. Peteria described the current state of the church's technology issues, especially in relation to the WiFi. The church has purchased Wifi-enabled products (such as the security cameras) that don't work as the WiFi is currently inadequate and doesn't work throughout the building. New computers that were

supposed to have been purchased in 2019 from Endowment funding have been put on hold because of the potential switch from a network-based to cloud-based system. We are in the process of switching our IT support vendor/managed service provider; a new one will start in February. Amy suggested building a team of volunteer technology experts within the church to be of assistance to the office as Pat is only supposed to spend 5% of her time on technology-related activities.

Next board meeting is Tuesday, February 18 at 7:00AM at Anchor Coffee House in WBL. Bonnie offered to provide treats. We need a minute taker.