

## WBLUMC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 21, 2020

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

Volunteer to take minutes: Julie Perreira

Opening prayer– Pastor Bill

Minutes of the 3-24-2020 Board Meeting were approved via email. The minutes have been published, per membership request, on our website.

No update on finding a replacement for a Board Member to replace Ginger Davis.

With the church service being remote, we need to make sure people remember to keep up their financial support to the church. There is info on how to do this on the church website. There was a good response to the letter sent out before Easter.

Our application for the Paycheck Protection Program through Bremer Bank has been approved for \$86,930. This is great news for maintaining our ability to continue to pay our staff—our appreciation goes out to Pat Kytola who completed the paperwork required and has been following the process closely.

The Endowment Committee funds that were approved last month have been put on hold for now to wait for the financial picture to improve. The one that has been allowed to proceed is the Faith in Action Century Garden & gift cards for students in the amount of \$1500, as the need is great for the students at this time. The new office computer system is progressing with wiring taking place. The money for the computer system upgrades was granted in 2019. Staff will be receiving their new computers soon.

Bill has been notified that the scheduled MarketFest events will be delayed for now and if/when they do take place will be shorter and smaller in format. We will have to wait to see how that turns out before determining what our involvement will look like.

Al Rausch has agreed to work with a member of the Trustees and a member of Staff Parish Committee to plan and develop a Safety and Security plan for the church. This plan would address any type of emergency that could happen during the day when only the staff and a few people are in the church, or when the church is in full session on Sundays or on various nights.

Bill is working with the staff to develop a Continuity Plan for doing church business even during disruptive times like the current issues that the COVID-19 has created. Currently, the staff is finding new ways to make things happen in our church. There is someone present at the church most days, though no one is keeping regular hours there. Everyone is still being paid. Nursery workers are the only ones whose pay has been affected.

If anyone becomes aware of anyone in our congregation that has needs that the church may be able to assist with, please contact the staff to make them aware of the situation.