

WBLUMC Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday February 18, 2020

Members in attendance: Bill Eaves, Jeff Lantto, Bonnie Greenleaf, Amy Swanson, Julie Perreira

Volunteer to take minutes: Julie Perreira

Opening prayer – Pastor Bill

Minutes of 1-21-2010 Board Meeting were approved by email. Thank you Margie for taking them. We have published the Board Minutes per membership request on our website and will continue to do so in the future.

Board Member Ginger Davis has resigned from the Board due to health reasons. According to our Bylaws it's the Nominating Committee who seeks possible successors and has the Church Conference vote to replace the vacated Board Member position. Jeff will talk to Mike Hinz to get this process started.

Gerry Keith, Finance Committee Chair, forwarded an update on the church's financial picture. A \$25,000 donation has been made to pay off the sky light loan with the remainder going toward the Wi-Fi project. The Board approved the plan to increase the Trustee's budget to include enough funds to complete the Wi-Fi project. Other gifts were approved including \$2000 for second service music, and \$10,000 for the Choral Scholars.

A new IT provider has been selected for our office computer system. Loffler IT Solutions Group is a managed services provider based in Bloomington, MN. Peteria Cochran Routt has sought input from several church members to review the contract., including Amy Swanson from our Board of Directors. The contract is still being revised but the plan is to have it done by March 1st.

Amy shared updates from Mike Faust with regards to the growth initiative fundraising project. There are two confirmed events on the schedule. Informational letters about this opportunity will be sent to superintendents in WBL and Mahtomedi this week. Work on the kiosk continues. All expenses to date have been covered by the Endowment grant. There is an expectation that Board members as well as staff will attend these events to meet and mingle with our visitors.

Thank you to Amy & Margie for agreeing to work with planning and helping with the Leadership Summit. Thank you to Julie for taking the extensive minutes of the meeting. Brian Jarnigan's name needs to be added to the list of attendees and then the minutes will be available on our website.

The Board decided against submitting a request to the Endowment Committee in 2020. Bonnie did some checking on having a booth at MarketFest. The cost for the season is \$279 Julie will submit an application for the church. This can be paid for out of our current budget.

United Methodist General Conference will take place in MPLS May 5 to May 15th—Bill discussed seeking participants to attend various sessions and events as well as volunteers to help with some of the programs that take place during this special event. Volunteer recruiters will be at church on Sunday, February 23rd. We have a couple of dates where we hope to carpool to the conference with church members (5/5 at 2pm for opening worship and 5/14 at 12:30pm for a plenary session). Our handbell

choir has been selected to play on Friday, May 15th. On Sunday, May 10th at 9am we will have Bishop Jane Middleton as our guest preacher.

Bill has been approached by some church members to consider ways to pay down our mortgage through fund raising campaigns like auctions or a capital campaign of some kind. The stewardship committee is planning to offer workshops on financial planning.

The next meeting date has been changed to Tuesday, March 24th at 7am