

Board Meeting Minutes 2.10.25

In attendance: Pastor Beth Graham, Jennifer Herring, Holly Searson, Denny Albrecht, Ruth Blayer, Katie Sabourin, Connie Tisinger, Barb Wilcox, Gloria Scharnweber, Lori Waters, Nancy Lathrop, Margaret Wick and Ashley Kaalberg taking minutes.

WELCOME

Ruth called the meeting to order and noted that Barb Wilcox will be co-chairing the meeting. Ruth referenced the training that many board members attended this past weekend and read scripture.

Barb opened the meeting in prayer.

BUSINESS

Gloria made a motion to approve board minutes from 1-27-2025, Barb passed motion. All in favor. Board minutes approved.

Nominations will table presenting the onboarding packet for a later date so they can address all of the questions and concerns prior to voting.

Ruth noted that SPRC, finance and trustees have guideline packets in the library for anyone wanting more information.

Jen discussed how Jaye will return to help with facilitating going over our missional goals. Jen will contact Jaye to set up a time and will report back to the board.

Pastor Beth informed the board that nominations moved Ruth to chair and that Nancy Lathrop will be taking over the vice chair position.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Barb Wilcox summarized what she learned from the missions part of the training on February 1st that was held in Mt.Pleasant by the conference and discussed options for WBUMC to be more involved in.

Holly and Connie went to the finance break out session. Leader Rev. Ron Carlson discussed the issues that all churches are facing and that he would gladly come and speak on finances to boards or the congregation. Ashley will contact Ron on his availability to come to WBUMC to speak to the congregation in the coming months.

Jen discussed what Brian Oliver presented for the SPRC breakout session of the leadership training that she and Katie attended.

CONGREGATION MEETING

Discussion was had by all on what will be discussed at the congregation meeting and how to have more attendance and participation. Katie drafted an outline for the meeting. More discussion will be had by email prior to the March 2nd meeting that will be taking place after worship.

REPORTS

SPRC

Jen reported that SPRC is still working on their guidelines packet.

FINANCE

Ashley presented a finance report and took suggestions from the board that she will be adding to the report in coming months. She gave the board an updated asset report and communicated information received from Chris Kofoed, Asset Manager about availability for investments to be withdrawn.

TRUSTEES

Trustees has no updates at this time

MISSIONS

Barb encouraged the board to have conversation on the stance that the church will have on providing a safe sanctuary for immigrants. She asked board members to contact her if they are interested in helping create a plan that will be shared with the community. Barb will be presenting this information to the congregation at the March 2nd congregation meeting to inform and ask for more participants.

Board Meetings are being rescheduled - the 4th Monday of every month moving forward. (Except for July and December)

Pastor Beth closed in prayer at 7:57pm

The next meeting will be held on March 24th at 6:30pm.

NOTE****Board Minutes are not approved until the following month's meeting.