

Board Meeting Minutes 10.27.25

In attendance: Pastor Leila Blackburn, Jennifer Herring, Ruth Blayer, Jeff Johannsen, Holly Searson, Katie Sabourin, Connie Tisinger, Gloria Scharnweber, Al Tisinger, Denny Albrecht, Barb Wilcox, Lori Waters, Nancy Lathrop, Linda Stoolman and Ashley Kaalberg taking minutes.

WELCOME

Ruth and Pastor Leila opened the meeting discussing different verses of the Bible. Ruth read scripture Psalm 98. Gloria read the message from this scripture to the board. Ruth closed the scripture teaching in prayer. Pastor Leila opened the board meeting in prayer.

LEARNING Barb Wilcox discussed what is currently going on in our Iowa City Circuit and how they are supporting migrant check ins. A video was shared with the board members. It was decided that small groups would discuss if they wanted to view the video and have discussion.

BUSINESS

Charge Conference forms were presented to the board. Discussion of the leadership list for 2026 was had. Jennifer Herring will fill the Vice Chair position for 2026.

Reminder Charge Conference Nov 2nd at 3pm at St. Mark's in Iowa City.

Nov 3rd at 6pm training with Jaye Johnson for the board. 5:30pm dinner.

Ruth asked for approval of 9.22.25 minutes as presented. Barb made a motion to approve the minutes. Holly seconded. Minutes approved.

REPORTS

SPRC - Ashley and Katie's reviews have been completed. SPRC will be planning to meet with Maggie. 3% COLA raises for 3 staff, Pastor requested to not get a raise this year.

FINANCE - Budget presented to the board. Motion to approve by Nancy and seconded by Barb.

The current pledge amount was presented to the board. \$110,530.00 is the total as of 10.27.25 and \$106,960.00 was 2025.

The parsonage soffit/facia project is \$1577 short. If this amount does not come in by year end, the funds will be moved from the Hayman Fund which will be used as matching funds (from the \$4/\$1 match funded by an anonymous member). This will allow the capital campaign fund to keep the balance as a jump start to the next large project.

TRUSTEES - Denny updated the board on the parsonage projects. Meza will be starting the soffit/facia repair/replacement. A requested door will be installed to make it easier to get from the garage into the parsonage. A small deck will be added. This project will be privately funded.
A permit for parsonage in the amount of \$38.75 will be paid from the parsonage maintenance fund in the budget.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRIES: Upcoming:

Nov 9th the youth will roller skate at Wellman thanks to a certificate from the Bowie family.

Nov 23rd Friendsgiving

Dec 5th Hot Cocoa 5-8pm

Dec 6th Soup supper 5-7pm

Dec 10th - school concert, may need to cancel

Dec 17th - last WND prior to break, Jesus' Birthday Party

Jan 7th - WND resumes

ROUND TABLE: Jeff reported on the positive start to the task force. Caroling for Christmas is in the works. Nov 6th at 9am is the next meeting.

MISSIONS: Harvest Auction is this coming Sunday Nov. 2nd. Free will offering Walking Taco lunch starting at 11:15. Silent Auction will be from 11:00 - noon. Live auction starting at noon.

PASTOR UPDATES: Worship advisory meeting is in the works.

Discussion on AED update. Main Street does not have any opportunities for funding. Andy Corr will be asking if this is something that the Lions Club would consider funding, at their next meeting.

Onboarding documents presented to the board. Ashley will send it to the 2026 board members.

October 23rd will be the next meeting.

Pastor Leila closed in prayer at 8:07pm.

Finance Update:

September Income: \$16,266.00 Expenses: \$14,365.66

October Income: \$15,018.85 Expenses: \$19,831.78

Pledge current amount: \$126,230.00 (26)

Last year amount: \$106,960.00 (24)