

Board Minutes for January 26, 2026

Present: Barb Wilcox, Denny Albrect, Rhonda Myrvik, Holly Searson, Andy Corr, Jeff Johansen, Connie Tisinger, Pastor Leila Blackburn, Nancy Lathrop, Pam Hinkhouse, Gloria Scharnweber, Ruth Blayer, and Katie Sabourin

Pastor Leila opened with a prayer.

Pastor Leila led us in prayer over the prayer concerns

Pastor Leila reminded us of the list of questions John Wesley used with the Holy Club.

Jeff Johansen reported that SPRC haven't met yet this year so not much to report.

Jeff also reported that there were four men at the first meeting of the new Men's Group. They had a great time and are planning to meet monthly. Jeff is looking forward to meeting outside when the weather warms up. Ashley has given Jeff a list of questions and discussion topics that they may use to get discussion going at the next meeting. The next meeting will be Feb. 10th.

Denny reported for Trustees. The window in the downstairs door has been replaced. There is some discussion about putting in a kick plate. Knebels did the work and it cost \$700. Jeff asked if there might be an insurance claim. Denny will contact Steven and see. Al also replaced the exhaust fan in the Women's upstairs bathroom.

Katie reported on youth numbers being down. J8:11 will be going for laser tag in Iowa City at the end of February.

Pastor Leila reported on Lent. Ash Wednesday will be during the WND worship time and include SUMC. Maundy Thursday will be at SUMC and Good Friday will be here led by the Pastor Leila, Katie and the youth.

Barb reported for Missions- follow the calendar and bring up the items during Lent. Also money for Heifer for 4 goats, with the youth bringing in money for hope baskets. Missions Garage Sale will be April 18th. Also looking at having a cookie walk and drinks for sale with proceeds going towards church budget.

Nancy brought forth November minutes to be passed. Barb moved and Connie 2nd. Accepted as written.

AED report by Holly- Ashley filling out paperwork for receiving money to cover the cost of the AED. It will come with training too.

Ministry Round Table reported by Nancy and Ruth- Looking toward next Christmas Past, possibly having a nativity room and a few other things to create more foot traffic. Possibly caroling at the nativity scene. Discussion on how to address communication and foot traffic with the leaders of Christmas Past. Difficulties with Caroling, possible ideas for a few changes for next year. Next meeting will be Thursday, Feb 5 at 9am.

Worship Committee reported by Pastor Leila- Planning to meet this next week. She has a list of people that she is inviting.

Ruth reported on Board Guidelines- They are there to help new and returning members so we can all know what our goals are.

Table of Grace on April 26th- Holly reports that we are in charge of bringing food and servers. 7 or more volunteers will be needed.

Finance- Holly reports on Football Dinner Fundraisers- Every home game in the fall the Finance committee will be organizing a dinner with proceeds going to church budget.

Welcome Bags- Jeff reports- Jeff and Finn walked and passed out a bunch of bags with information and popcorn inviting and educating people about WBUMC. He is willing to do more in the spring!

Next Meeting: February 23, 2026 at 6:30pm

UWF- Barb reports- We are looking into if it is feasible to do the Ham Ball & Cheesy Potato Fundraiser again this year.

Pastor Leila reports that the committee on Racial Justice used our church to have their MLK service. It was a small group but it went well.

Pastor Leila closed us in prayer.

Barb reported on Epiphany Service- Service went well and \$700 was raised and many diapers. Many songs that weren't traditional carols including a new song by Phil Carver. Food was good. We had a few from our church attend.