

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
May 21, 2018 7:00pm

Governance Board members (BOLD indicates attendance at meeting):

Rev. Craig LaSuer – Lead Pastor	Emalee Havel – Chair, Rep for Youth, SPRC co-chair
Jim Beaty – At Large Member	Karen Hull – Secretary
Open – Finance	Open – Church Treasurer
Don Caddy – UMM, Trustees SPRC co-chair	Taylor Owings – Rep. of Young Adults
Nick Clinkenbeard – At Large Member	Chip Rutledge – At Large Member
Open – UMW and Lay Leader	Ronda Kroeschen – Church Administrator (non-voting)

Others in attendance: Claire Brigham, David Caddy, Rev. Denny Frank, Debbie Givan, Dorothea Goold, Lynn Griffin, Gus Gustafson, Sally Gustafson, Larry Huggins, Lola Huggins, Joy LaSuer, Susie Loughner, John Michael, Linda Michael, Rev. Lana Robyne, Rev. Dr. Glen Robyne, Carol Smith, Mary Welch

Opening

Emalee Havel, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:03pm

Opening Prayer offered by Emalee Havel

Teaching and Spiritual Formation Portion of Meeting

Devotions offered by Rev. Craig LaSuer – Remembering this time at FUMC

Discussion of Chapters 2-4 of The Switch “Direct the Rider” by Heath and Heath led by Taylor Owings.

- Finding the bright spots
- Scripting the critical moves
- Point to destination

Reading assignment for July 2018 is Chapters 5-7 “Motivate the Elephant”

Progress Toward Goals Portion of Meeting

Mission and Vision Initiatives Update offered by Rev. Craig LaSuer

Klondike – Rev. Denny Frank

Pictures shared from visit to Prophetstown Farm. \$10K grant will fund 4 days a week for next 2 years and we won't have to turn children away.

Wesley Foundation – Rev. Lana Robyne

First wedding at Wesley in 16 years. Lana and Isaiah are going to Africa – prayers please

Isaiah goes to DC in the fall, they will need help welcoming new Purdue students

Meeting soon to talk about more projects for Wesley

Spiritual Development – Judy Grimmer is leading.

Reports and Decisions Portion of Meeting

Approval of the minutes from March 2018 Governance Board meeting

MOTION to approve made by Don Caddy. **Motion seconded** by Chip Rutledge.

Motion approved.

Consent Agenda Reports from Ministries

Explanation from p.150-151 of Winning on Purpose book. A list of things that will be circulated to GB members in advance of meeting. If anyone feels something needs discussion it will be discussed.

Chairperson Emalee Havel will take action item to facilitate the Consent Agenda

Chairperson Emalee Havel celebrates our ministries.

Everyone Means Everyone congregational survey results

Report of results available on website

DISCUSSION

MOTION to hold a Church Conference to vote on the Welcoming Statement at a date and time to be decided by Debbie Givan and a subcommittee of the Governance Board, with the date being chosen by June 3. Motion made by Rev. Craig LaSuer. **Motion seconded** by Taylor Owings.

Motion approved.

{Note: Date has been set and is August 26}

Plans for Area around FUMC

Don Caddy shared about meeting with Rich from PRF. He would be happy to come and make a presentation to us.

Governance Board nominating Committee update

Don Caddy is leading nominating committee along with Rev. Craig LaSuer.

There are three openings and several roles: Trustees, Finance, Treasurer, Lay Leader, UMW

Report on New Pastor/ Interim Minister Rev. Steve Bibb

Rev. Steve Bibb begins in July. His wife is Linda. He is an intentional interim minister. It was decided by the Bishop and Cabinet during the appointment process that FUMC would benefit from an interim ministry. It is not a negative, but a positive to help us address transitions and changes. Part of it is related to our historical treatment of pastors. He has a lease on an apartment in the Lafayette area.

Finance and SPRC

Began at 8:45 pm Don Caddy shared that we are using an accounting firm instead of a financial secretary. The processes are being worked out well. The Treasurer still signs check and it is less expensive than having a financial secretary.

Don is planning to pull together an SPRC support group, but has been busy.

Trustees

Don Caddy, Trustees chair began the Trustees portion of the meeting at 8:49 pm

We have a possible new board member

Pressure washing of church done

AC lighting done

Foundation is matching donations for lighting through end of May.

Trees have been planted as part of memorial gift from Troyer family.

Trustees meeting ended at 8:51pm

Closing

Farewell Love for Pastor Craig

Everyone shared words and memories of thanks and love with Pastor Craig.

MOTION: We thank you, Pastor Craig, and we pledge to continue to carry a candle of light and love in your honor into the community.

MOTION made by Karen Hull. **Motion seconded** by All.

Motion approved unanimously.

Announcement: Beth McCool is new Director of VNS.

Closing Prayer surrounding, laying on hands, and blessing Pastor Craig

Meeting Adjourned by Emalee Havel at 9:03pm

Reminders

Next Governance Board Meeting, Monday July 16, 2018 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,

Karen E. Hull, Secretary