

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Governance Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2017 7pm

Governance Board members (BOLD indicates attendance at meeting):

Rev. Craig LaSuer – Lead Pastor	Karen Hull – Secretary
Robin Bellinger – Finance	John Jones – Church Treasurer
Don Caddy – UMM and Trustees	Taylor Owings – Rep. of Young Adults
Nick Clinkenbeard – At Large Member	Chip Rutledge – Chairperson
Nola Gentry – UMW and Lay Leader	Open – Open spot on Governance Board
Emalee Decker Havel – Representative for Youth (absent)	

Others in attendance: Janet Ainsworth, Jan Beaty, Jim Beaty, Shari Bittles, Claire Brigham, Rev. Billy Bross, Kris Bross, Ann Caddy, Jana Day, Tim Delworth, Ginny Dienhart, Ned Durhammer, Rev. Gary Forbes, Heidi Fornes, Jack Gaunt, Marcia Gaunt, Dorothea Goold, Sally Gustafson, Gus Gustafson, Diane Hebert, Mike Heinz, Dan Heman, Larry Huggins, Lola Huggins, Sarah Kelly, Stu Kline, Suzie Kline, Sheila Koeller, Anne Kolodny, Ronda Kroeschen, Susie Loughner, Betsy Marti, Bill Marti, Neil McTavish, Jean Morehouse, Eileen Morin, Rev. Jim Morin, Diane Morrison, Lisa Mott, Chuck Newton, Jim Paine, Rev. Lana Robyne, Jorie Ronschke, Jane Rutledge, Kathy Sims, Ellen Wilson

Opening

Chip Rutledge, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:05pm

Opening Prayer offered by Chip Rutledge

Teaching and Spiritual Formation Portion of Meeting

Devotions offered by Rev. Craig LaSuer which included the reading of our Christian Conferencing Guidelines

Reports and Decisions Portion of Meeting

Approval of the minutes from June 2017 Governance Board meeting

MOTION to approve made by Robin Bellinger. **Motion seconded** by Nola Gentry.

Motion approved.

Sanctuary study committee

MOTION by Suzie Kline: To approve the forming of a New Sanctuary Study Task Force to include Robin Bellinger, Shari Bittles, Don Caddy, Dan Heman, Larry Huggins, Suzie Kline, Taylor Owings, and Rev. Craig LaSuer to explore the building of a new sanctuary following the guidelines outlined in the UMC Book of Discipline. **Motion seconded** by John Jones.

Discussion.

Chairperson Chip Rutledge called for a voice vote.

Chairperson Chip Rutledge called for a vote by a show of hands.

Motion approved 5-2.

Report from the FCJ Staffing Task Force

Team Leader Jim Beaty presented a PowerPoint presentation. Team members were Janet Ainsworth, Rev. Billy Bross, Jana Day, Chuck Newton, Russ Noble, and Bill Walker. The presentation and all job descriptions created by the Task Force are available in their entirety at www.fumcwl.org under the News tab.

The team was thanked with applause after the presentation.

Discussion. Question and answers were recorded and given to the FCJ Staffing Task Force and the Governance Board.

Finance Meeting

Robin Bellinger, Chair of Finance, opened the Finance meeting at 8:51 pm

Robin provided a written report prior to the meeting. It is available on the website under the News tab. She also recommended that any and all fund raising efforts be coordinated with upcoming stewardship activities.

Finance meeting closed at 7:56 pm by Robin Bellinger

Trustees Meeting

Don Caddy, Chair of Trustees, opened the Trustees meeting at 7:56 pm

Update on the bus. The maintenance costs have been increasing. We have incurred \$7,000 in maintenance for the bus in the last 4 years and \$2,000 for the van over same period. It would be about \$60,000 to purchase a new bus. Leasing is another option.

The Boy Scout troop that meets at FUMC is looking at the bridge to Hort Park to assess repair needs.

Trustees meeting closed at 7:59 pm by Don Caddy

Closing

Announcements

Rev. LaSuer and Chairman Chip Rutledge are looking at choices for our next book study. Jonathan Heinz was thanked for his audio/visual support this evening.

Closing Prayer offered by Nola Gentry

Meeting Adjourned by Chip Rutledge at 9:02pm

Reminders

Next Governance Board Meeting, Monday August 21, 2017 at 7pm

Respectfully submitted,
Karen E. Hull, Secretary