

Minutes from **Leadership Board (LB)** meeting on Thursday March 24, 2022

Present: Pastor Jenny Arneson, Brad Mather, Jack Malone, Sarah Bolen, Paul Esser, Judy Krebs, Terry Twedell, Patricia Harrington, Pat Flaherty, Dee Heller, Cheri Hiller

Absent: Christy Stover, Lisa Wink, Christy Tubbs

1. **Welcome** –Jack
2. **Consensus to** accept Feb 24, 2022 minutes as submitted
3. **Devotions and Spiritual Formation:** Jenny – Lectio Divina - 2 Corinthians 5; 17-21
 - Update on UMC – planners of General Conference decided to postpone the 2020 general conference again, to 2024. This puts things on hold, most importantly the possibility of a split re: LGBTQ and ordination and marriage. Postponement mainly due to lack of access to covid vaccines and Visas.
 - A group says they're leaving anyway. They will be called the Global Methodist Church starting May 1, 2022. The group, Wesley Covenant Association, has found a loophole to allow them to leave. A listening session will be scheduled for questions sometime in the future at SPUMC.
 - We shared our hopes for the UMC
4. **Finance/Stewardship:** Sarah, Jenny
 - Cashflow statement – Finances are going well at this time. We are at \$851K mortgage balance! Current on all bills.
 - Currently paying about \$3,000 additional principle payment monthly, which is \$9k quarterly. Sarah shared the amortization schedule.
5. **Trustees:** Judy
 - Leaks: Pertzborn Plumbing is developing a cone shape device to catch water from the dishwasher. Trustees will wait for improved weather to repair drywall.
 - Lighting project: Faith Tech proposal – Increased \$ amount of proposal. Staff will have input on lighting priorities, and then it will be brought to Leadership Board.
 - Electric bill has been expensive.
 - Carpet tiles – pressure sensitive glue has been purchased and used to adhere the tiles.
 - Lighting sensors/outside lights are being replaced. City replaced SW corner but we need to have an electrician deal with the others. (squirrel chewed one)
 - Solar panels need checking.
 - Member asked for “throne campaign” to replace all toilets with efficient toilets.
9. **SPRC:** Pat F. –
 - Interim Christian Ed will be Beth Bandli, a recent grad in art education. She will work with preschool through 5th grade during the summer.

10. **Other:**

- **Safe Sanctuaries Update – Dee** - Synopsis of changes: most changes are to make language consistent throughout and to separate out things related to Covid. Covid things will be a stand-alone section.
Action: Consensus to accept the safe sanctuaries updates as submitted.
- **Green space project** – Jenny and Judy– The group is still looking for people with expertise in working with landscape architects, getting permits, cement work, construction, etc. The Couilliards (Cal and Laurie) do solar shelters – “canopies”, and the team will meet with them.
- **There is a Leadership Board event at Bethany on April 30 from 10-3.** Author Kay Kotan will be speaking and the theme will be ideas for moving forward in post pandemic times. Please let Jenny know if you can attend. So far, Sarah and Patricia will be attending.
- **Scholarships:** Scholarship recipients and graduates will be celebrated May 15.
- **Lucie, our Intern, will preach on May 1 and will complete her internship on May 15.**
- **Summer worship:** 8:30 outdoor worship, 10:00 indoor worship

- **Closing prayer:** Brad
- 2020-2024 plan of ministry is: G (Gratitude)
R (Relationships)
O (**Our Story**)
W (Worship)

Next meeting is – April 28, 2022

- **Opening devotions** and closing prayer: Pat Flaherty
- **Minutes** – Cheri
- **Schedule:** 2022 schedule: May 26; June – no; July 28; Aug – no; Sept 22; Oct 27; Nov 17; Dec- no

Submitted by Cheri Hiller