

Minutes from **Leadership Board (LB)** meeting on Thursday July 28, 2022

**Present:** Pastor Jenny Arneson, Brad Mather, Jack Malone, Sarah Bolen, Lisa Wink, Patricia Harrington, Pat Flaherty, Terry Twedell, Dee Heller, Christy Tubbs, Cheri Hiller

**Absent:** Judy Krebs, Paul Esser

1. **Welcome** –Jack
2. **Consensus to** accept May, 2022 minutes as submitted
3. **Devotions and Spiritual Formation** – Jenny used the book: Being the Church in a Post-Pandemic World by Kay Kotan
  - a. Being the church as we move from pandemic to endemic. Workshop at Bethany UMC, the author of BEING THE CHURCH wrote about 8 gamechangers of the Pandemic. Tonight, Jenny talked about the first two: Flexibility and Being Relational. Flexibility was critical at the beginning of the pandemic when just Jenny and Lisa were alone for a year, producing online worship. Offering the sacraments online was a breakthrough in flexibility. Other examples were Sunday School in a bag, Palm Sunday car parade, etc. Our mission of “Be a welcoming home where we share God’s love” is our focus on being relational. We work to knowing and meeting the needs of our neighbors, and also being relevant. LB discussed how we can show our welcoming nature.
4. **Finance/Stewardship:** Sarah, Lisa, Jenny
  - June financials: looks good, with expenses under budget
  - One expense was related to alarm monitoring. Previously it was under Alpha Electric, which doesn’t exist anymore. Now we’re using 3<sup>rd</sup> Horseman and our system is properly monitored with an overall positive balance.
  - YTD – we are under in revenue but also under in expenses, for a positive net
  - Cashflow statement – recent deposit to our money market account
  - \$238k cash on hand, with \$151k earmarked
  - Continuing to pay \$3,000 additional principle payment monthly, and we are current on the mortgage
  - Mortgage balance is under 800K as of 6/30/2022
  - We are current on apportionments.
  - Overall good position cash-wise, with giving steady over the summer
  - Annual fall campaign/Stewardship Team will be Jack M, Patricia H., Arnold Braund, Lisa W, Deb M, Amanda H, and Jenny. They will start with an August 30 meeting. Campaign will run October 16- November 13.
5. **Trustees:** Brad
  - Roof/lighting projects. Week of August 8 the outdoor lighting project will be addressed.
  - The roof hasn’t been leaking, but roof shingles have blown off/destroyed. Specific money has come in to pay for that.

9. **SPRC:** Pat F. –

- The associate pastor position and compensation package was approved unanimously by the leadership board. See the attachment to the July 28, 2022 meeting for the exact details.
- Claire’s official title will be Pastor of Faith Formation for Children through Young Adults
- This position will begin September 1, 2022.

10. **Other:**

- **Outreach – Patricia:** Over \$1,000 in gift card given to Shelter From the Storm. Over \$500 given for Stuff the Bus after first weekend. Gas cards were given at recent Sunshine Supper, through our Wesley Fund
- **Safety and Security Team** – Reviewing safety plans for things like fire and tornado plus the outdoor lighting plan, etc.
- **Green space project** – A non-staff person has now offered to chair this group. The group is prioritizing needs in order, such as starting with grading, landscaping, etc.
- **Jack** brought up ideas for being relational in our community: 1-Bicycle safety with the police department in our parking lot. 2-Ice cream social.
- **Summer worship:** 8:30 outdoor worship, 10:00 indoor worship
  
- **Closing prayer:** Jenny

2020-2024 plan of ministry is: G (Gratitude)

R (Relationships)

**O (Our Story)**

W (Worship)

**Next meeting is** – September 22 IN PERSON

- **Opening devotions** and closing prayer: Terry
- **Minutes** – Cheri
- **Schedule:** 2022 schedule: Oct 27, Nov 17, Dec- no

Submitted by Cheri Hiller