

First United Methodist Church
Governance Board Meeting
May 15, 2023

Attendance: Perry Brown, Kathy Vill, Rebecca Kaverman, Reid Hochstedler, John Norberg, Rev. Duane Carlisle, Anna Clark, Larry Huggins, Lola Huggins, Mike Johnson, Don Caddy

Opening (7:07 PM)

- Prayer offered by Rev. Duane Carlisle

Agenda/Minutes (7:09)

- Moved and accepted

Reports

- Sr. Pastor
 - Celebration: Lots of energy in the congregation, and many people joining. Confirmands are in order. Life of the church is going well
 - Innovation
 - Introduction to Freedom School on the 30th from 6-8.
 - June/July Sunday School study regarding Cultural Issues
 - Larry offered the following- Designated offerings have been made for Freedom School and Narthex Renovation
- Finance/Treasurer (7:18)
 - 6.2% return from investments
 - Nola Gentry Charitable Trust: Trustee for Charitable Trust has removed themselves as Trustee. 4-H Foundation (one of the trust's beneficiaries) is pursuing legal options, FUMC is signing on with 4-H Foundation. The former Trustee has legal responsibilities to provide audit and other information. They are currently looking for the next trustee.
- Trustees
 - New UPS on Network rack
 - Cell phone repeater in the basement.
 - Previously Fire Inspection issues have been resolved
 - If you have something scheduled in the church alert Ronda and Don so that AC or Heat can be turned.
 - Battery backups in lights have been changed out.
 - Emergency light batteries need to be replaced (They are EOL, but they still test okay).
 - Canopy lights are dying and need to be replaced.
 - Plan on clearing out Honeysuckle from the fence row.
 - The limestone facade on the outside of the building has deteriorated.
 - Chainlink fencing has issues.
 - Discussion of replacing invasive species trees.

- Anna brought up a discussion with John Jones about motorized blinds for top windows.
- SPRC (7:38)
 - Kory has moved on to the next stage in the licensure process.
 - Discussion about purchasing a robe for Kory once the process is complete.
 - Timeline - The next "License to Preach" class is in the fall

Issues of discussion

- Sign
 - \$700 for new vinyl from Huston
 - Would prefer another price quote

Church Security

- We need to implement the protocols we've discussed. The church could be culpable if something happened.
- VNS has gotten some quotes for equipment (video doorbell, etc.)
- How do we set expectations for building security?
 - VNS parents?
 - Technology and procedure are complimentary, don't rely on only one aspect for security.
 - Looking for (at least 3) volunteers for the security subcommittee
 - Perry
 - Someone from Trustees
 - Someone from VNS
 - Dorothea?
 - DKUMC

Q&A

- Fellowship between services running parallel to Sunday School
- Narthex Renovation
 - Bids coming by the end of May
 - Multiple companies involved in offering bids (Flintrun Builders, Tri-tec Construction, Kettlehut Construction, JR Kelly Construction, Simon Construction, TL Kincaid, Spire Group)
- International Student dinner
 - August 13th
 - New point of contact at Purdue

Closing (8:34)

- Prayer offered by Anna