**Meeting Minutes – Church Board – February 4, 2024**

**Attendees**

Pastor Jim Buckman, Chris Simonson, Scott Leazer, Jim Failmezger, Pat Stanley, Don Trawick, Leigh Ouimet, Ken Stewart, Donnie McQuaig, Billy Cochran.

Non-board members in attendance: Sam and Margaret Adams, DeeAnna Page

Chris Simonson opened with prayer.

In The Word: Chris Simonson shared thoughts from John Wesley “How is it with your Soul”. How does our soul prosper?

**Business**

Board Secretary Nomination and Vote. Leigh Ouimet volunteered. Motion was made and seconded. Unanimous vote to approve. Leigh Ouimet will serve as Secretary through 2024.

Current Board Members and positions:

Chris Simonson – Chair

Scott Leazer – Vice-Chair

Leigh Ouimet – Secretary

Pat Stanley

Sue Morris

Don Trawick

Billy Cochran

Jim Failmezger

Lenna Applebee

Ken Stewart – Lay Leader

Sydney Yancey – Lay Delegate

Donnie McQuaig – Treasurer

Reverend Jim Buckman – Pastor

DeeAnna Page: Financial Secretary attended meeting to go over regular financial reports.

Report of the Treasurer/ Checking Account Status/ Contribution Report/ Expenditure Report/ Preschool/ Ministry, Mission, Administration/ Employee Retention Credit [ERTC]. – Review and Discussion

More financial information can be found on the church website.

**Administrative**

Decided decisions made via email will be captured and attached to the minutes of the most recent board meeting.

Need to set a limit on major purchase threshold: more discussion in March meeting.

Reserve Study: 2 proposals. Would like to get at least one more. Should we talk to our insurance company? Motion to table until we receive a third quote (Pat motion, Don 2nd). Vote: Unanimous to table

**From the Pastor and Staff**

Staff Communication methods: weekly emails from staff on ministry focus. Announcements on monitor in CLC. Printed Calendar available in sanctuary and CLC.

**General**

Review Calendar for upcoming meeting dates:

03/10 – Church Board Meeting

04/14 – Church Board Meeting

May – no meeting

Church Board retreat – 1yr/ 3yr planning and vision - everyone look at July/August personal calendars for availability, will set details as we get closer. Will set time and place.

**Open Discussion**

The Pastor brought up an email request from an outside group about using the facility to host dance classes approximately five times in 2024. Discussion occurred about the facility use policy and what it covers. It was recommended to distribute copies of the most recent Facility Use Policy to each of the board members for review. The board will review the policy at a future in-person meeting.

Motion: (Don) Does the board agree to allow the church staff to review and decide on the request from the dance group. 2nd (Ken). Discussion.  Vote: 2 yes, 5 no (two voting members not present)

Church office policy currently does not allow renting out facility to businesses for purposes of making money. Re: Facility Use Policy dated 2017.

Closing Prayer – Pastor Jim

Business conducted via email February 13, 2024

The Church Board approved the Secretary of Finance’s (DeeAnna Page) recommendation to move a portion of general funds into 1yr CD to earn 4.1%. This moves it from a checking account that earns less than 1% a year.