**Board Meeting minutes for November 10, 2024**

Board Member attendees: Chris Simonson, Reverend Jim Buckman, Leigh Ouimet, Pat Stanley, Sue Morris, Don Trawick, Lenna Applebee, Billy Cochran, Jim Failmezger

Church Member attendees-Margaret and Sam Adams

12:15p - Opening prayer – Chris S.

Spiritual Formation

In the Word – Pat Stanley

**Business/Admin:**

* Possible meeting in December to tie up loose ends. Chris S will send times dates, we need a 10-day notice.

**From the Pastor and Staff:**

* Accountability report
	+ New members: Pastor who will lead a Hispanic Bible Study
	+ Google Ads-attract more visitors.
	+ We will send a Christmas postcard this year outlining our service times.
	+ Attendance is a roller coaster, but we are seeing new faces.
* Finance Report-not bad; income vs expenses are negative as usual at this point in the year.
* 2025 Budget-reviewed YTD financial documents
	+ Restricted fund was not a line item in the budget-Don proposed adding a line item. Chris S made motion to add, Sue Morris seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
	+ Question on Deficit in budget -any deficit is made up from the General Fund

**Open Items:**

* Review list of 2024 open items
	+ Increase Volunteers-Billy suggested a code/link to be added for volunteer oppty in every email sent to congregation.
	+ HVAC Repairs-Don is waiting on quotes on HVAC replacement vs repair-should have them next week and it was agreed that the decision could be made via email; Roof Status-Will is replacing tiles as needed and monitoring.
	+ Security-Playground exit gate-have a quote for push bar; Board to staff-we need to have this added and staff in an agreement.
	+ Staff Effort-we have seen an increase in youth participation in services; Blended music-positive response from congregation.
	+ Strategic meetings- we need a nominating committee for the 4 task force groups-we will review next Board meeting
	+ Youth-12 participating with 5-7 additional attending occasionally due to active schedules.
	+ CLC-change reception area to more of a welcome/visitor center feeling. Staff working on planning and design.
	+ Community Outreach-trying to align our events with City events. ie: Dec 7th Buford City Parade; Trunk or Treat was a huge success this year.

**Executive Session:**

**Closing Prayer:** Pastor Jim