BFUMC Board Meeting Minutes 5.4.25

Board members present: Rev Jim Buckman, Don Trawick, Karl Siegel, Lenna Applebee, Billy Cochran, Lindsay Mattingly, Josh Page, Jim Failmezger, Sue Morris, Leigh Ouimet, Donnie McQuaig

Church members present: Jonathan Applebee

In the Word: Josh Page: Micah 6:8: Invitation to realign priorities of the board and church. May we see the Image of God in everyone, walk with God in humility, pause, pray, listen to the Holy Spirit; may we see each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Business:

Repair updates:

- -Front doors were installed. Not finished and has issues with gaps in framing, trim, sweepers, wrong screws sent, etc. Don will talk to contractor to give them a chance to fix everything, we have not paid them yet.
- -Playground gate completed. Jim B will talk to staff about removing barrier and mulch in front of gate.
- -There is a leak in the overhang on the walkway between church and CLC, need pricing on repair.
- -Air handler has been on back order for months. Do we need alternative solution with hot/humid months coming or to look at different supplier?
- -Need to look at church roof soon. No noticeable leaks, but paint flaking in sanctuary, need to investigate further.
- -Need plan to address congregation to bring up to date with what we've done with repair donations that were collected.

IRS employee retention:

- -Receiving 2 checks totaling \$101316.25, (mailed 5/12/25).
- -Deanna will put in reserve fund for future expenses, board consensus.
- -Billy asked if we could invest some in worship and future of worship at BFUMC. Don suggested as we review budget we can look to discuss using funds for worship, staff, etc.

Pastor Update:

-Task forces: Worship vibe task force is discussing what we need to start modern blended service by fall. Gary has a list of musicians to contact. Traditional elements important to keep-creeds, Lord's prayer, some hymns, need flexibility.

Missions task force discussion around Hispanic ministries offered-ESL, Hispanic Bible studies, SKH. Board discussion of changing mindset of "volunteering" to serving others in Christ. Spiritual Revival task force to meet in June and go over congregation surveys.

Budget-Don asks board to stay familiar with budget so we can evaluate early before Oct/Nov charge conference. Staff starts looking at budgets in summer. Josh and Don will make phone calls to address BUMMs checking account and BUMMs trailer.

Security grant:

- -Federal money going to states to distribute to non-profits who wish to increase security.
- -Exterior security assessment coming back middle of May.

Regular meeting adjourned Board entered executive session