

Yreka United Methodist Church
Leadership Team Board Meeting
Minutes – July 20, 2023

Those Present

Jim Frey, Bonnie Garvin, Lisa Raffaelli, Nick Sinnott, Pastor Mike Bekstrom, Chris Barre, Wes Kyle, Vickie Kyle, Deb Bein and Michael Raney

1. Open the meeting with prayer

Nick opened us in prayer at 5:30 pm

2. Adoption of the agenda

Chris moved that we accept the agenda as amended, Lisa seconded. Motion carried

3. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting

moved that we accept the minutes as submitted. Chris moved. Bonnie seconded.

Motion carried

4. Congregational Comment. Deb Bein with quarterly report and other items for Tailgaters.

Deb is retiring as chairperson for Tailgaters, after 10 years. Last day will be August 20, 2023. All of the team, with the exception of Terry Nichols and Debbie Dale, will be stepping down as well. 130 to 160 lunches are needed each week. The program may go on hiatus for a while as a new program is being prepared. Sandwiches are prepared on Saturday. Part of the job is sorting clothes that are needed for the seasons. Coats, hats and gloves are given during the winter. Light blouses, t-shirts and shorts for the summer. We receive donations of clothing from Hospice and other people. We will do something to honor them.

5. Old Business

a. Nominating committee status - Update

We were given some names. Pastor is still working on it.

b. Decision on Parents Night Out – We will start October 13.

c. Reopening the Nursery – Nursery is opened. Michael, Shawn and Debby and Mary Skeahan volunteered.

6. New Business

a. Correspondence (Michael)

b. Board of Pensions bill Michael will pay the monthly and add a little more until it's paid off.

c. Removal of the Forsythia

Chris moved and Debby seconded, that we remove the Forsythia as soon as possible.

7. Board Report Questions

- Pastor – Baptismal is almost ready. Many gemstones were found during the excavation. Melissa is painting crosses on them and they will be given to each person baptized. Audit is moving along. Michael has been working extra hours on the Audit. Chris moved and Jim seconded that we give Diane Churchill a formal notice that it's ok to pay for the extra hours.**
- Finance (Michael) as of today we have \$20,336.00 in the checking account. \$5,000.00 of that amount belongs to Strong women and WOW. Michael is checking the balance, daily. \$20,101.00 in the savings.**
- Facilities (Nick) – Nick and Wes have been taking care of the lawns and doing facility maintenance on a weekly basis. They meet early Tuesday mornings. Sarah asked how much it would cost to put a heating and cooling system in the Social Hall. Sarah offered \$5,000.00 as seed money. The playground has been weeded and ready for kids. Parking lot needs to be restriped. The gentleman who usually does our striping has retired.**
- Congregational Care (Bonnie) – Bonnie has met with Sarah Frey and was given some names to contact for different things. Sarah will cover Bonnie for the four months she is gone for the winter. It's very important to find out who needs prayer. Michael is the start for the prayer chain.**
- Prayer Ministry (Shawn) – No report**
- Praise and Worship (Lisa) – Lisa says they are working on a team basis and taking turns leading worship. It's going well and they are using some embedded music. Doug Nichols is now playing bass with the Worship team. Cheri has been doing a wonderful job.**
- Staff Parish Relations Committee (Debby) - We need to be a praying Church. Is our Pastor doing continuing education? We need to be more of a community. We are at a new beginning in our Church. We need more small groups. It was decided that we will start having potlucks again. The potlucks will be on the third Sunday of the month beginning in September.**

8. Executive Session If Needed

Chris requested an executive session. This is not a personnel issue.

9. Confirm next meeting – August 17, 2023, at 5:30 pm

10. Closing prayer and adjourn

Chris Prayed us out at 7:04 pm.