

Yreka United Methodist Church  
Leadership Team Board Meeting  
August 25, 2022

Leadership Board Members Present: Chris Barre, Shawn Cortright, ~~Sarah Frey~~, Tracie Lima via phone, Ed Matthews, Melisa Raffaelli, Nick Sinnott, Vurl Trytten, Debby Whipple

Lay Members: Chris Barre & Jim Frey

Others: Pastor Mike Bekstrom, Mike Raney

Guests: Michael Bray, Mike Fallon, Wes Kyle, Pat Wernicke

1. Open the meeting with prayer: Shawn Cortright opened the meeting in prayer at 5:35pm.
2. Adoption of the agenda: Nick Sinnott added in Old Business, Item d: To open a separate checking account for Tailgaters. A motion was made by Chris Barre, seconded by Debby Whipple to approve agenda as amended. Motion carried.
3. Review and approve minutes of previous meeting: Changes made were: Brian Schlieter attended the meeting in place of Tracie Lima to answer questions regarding the computer for the sanctuary. In Praise and Worship report Melisa Raffaelli encouraged board members to create their own job description. Debby Whipple suggested a church picnic. In the Prayer Ministry report there should be a period after finance. Item 5b: The emphasis should be on the need for more volunteers. A motion was made by Shawn Cortright, seconded by Chris Barre to approve the amended minutes. Motion carried.
4. Congregational Comment: Pat Wernicke was glad to be invited to the meeting.
5. Old Business:
  - a. Zoom: Tracy Lima said that the church could use her personal account for the Leadership Board meetings and others if needed. She will approach Brian Schlieter to get the wifi working so the Zoom would work more efficiently at the church. A motion was made by Chris Barre, seconded by Melisa Raffaelli to use Tracy's personal Zoom account.
  - b. PNO/Harvest Festival: Vurl Trytten wants to reintroduce Parent's Night Out (PNO) to bring young families back into the church. It will be introduced at the Harvest Festival on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Education building with crafts, games, other activities and a simple meal. Information will be available to families regarding PNO. Then PNO will start the first Friday in December so parents can drop the children off while doing their Christmas shopping.

Debby Whipple also introduced the idea of having a picnic/potluck in the parking lot on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. She will announce it as "invite a person to church" and have a potluck afterwards. A motion was made by Debbie Whipple seconded by Vurl Trytten to hold a church picnic on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

- c. Expansion of Tailgater's Ministry: Pastor Wes Kyle feels the Tailgaters need to expand and start getting into clothing. He feels God is guiding him to help the ministry grow. He doesn't want to micro manage but is willing to be the overseer. Wes feel that Deb and Pete have been doing this for a long time and are getting tired and that if he steps in to give them the freedom to step back when they are ready.
- d. Tailgater's checking account: Nick Sinnott proposed to get a separate account within the big account for the Tailgaters that will help protect the grant monies and accountability. A motion was made by Ed Matthews, seconded by Chris Barre to approach the bank to set up a separate account. Motion carried.

6. New Business:
  - a. Correspondence: None
  - b. Finance: Ed Matthews reported:
    - I. 7-month review of YUMC 2022 General Fund Budget: The budget was developed last December and the cash flow is showing that we have already over spent the first 6 months.
    - II. YUMC finance status 7/31/22: Shows that there is only \$4,406.13 in the checking account. \$12,000 was transferred in August from savings to checking leaving a balance of less than \$10,000 in the savings.
    - III. Donations (giving)/budget analysis: It was mentioned that giving does drop during the summer. Shawn Cortright suggested that we need to be fiscal responsible and go to prayer. Pastor Mike will check with the conference to see if they will help. It was discussed to let the congregation know of our finance needs. Shawn will send out a plea to get the leadership board and congregation to pray.
  - c. Discussion on leaving the UMC for the Global Methodist Church: Pastor Mike reported a split is happening in our denomination to move out of UMC and more information is needed.
  - d. Social Media: Michael Bray attended the Methodist Men's retreat and met with other Methodists (most were pastors). The group got involved discussing church services on the internet since he's been concerned about live services. The general consensus was to not do live and prerecord the message. It was agreed to pray about it and decide if we want to broadcast or not.
7. Board Reports:
  - Pastor:
  - Finance: See New Business.
  - Facilities: Nick Sinnott reported that the Thursday morning men's group has been mowing the weeds between parking lots. Need to check the irrigation.
  - Congregational Care: Sarah Frey submitted a written report which Chris Barre reported that Sue Ashe, Mary Skeahan, Pam Shaskey, along with Judi Washington will be the Leadership Core for Fellowship's meals and receptions. Contact Sue Ashe if anyone is planning a church activity that involves food. Members have provided 11 meals for folks recovering from illness this month.
  - Prayer Ministry: Shawn Cortright will pray for the church's financial status and for moving forward on which direction of the church, if we stay with the Methodist Church or move towards Global Methodist Church.
  - Praise and Worship: Lisa Raffaelli submitted the contract that was signed by Emmas for the use of our church. She submitted the Worship Team Coordinator Job Description and will be working on the guidelines for decorating the alter.
7. Executive Session: None
8. Confirm next meeting: September 15, 2022, at 5:30 pm
9. Closing prayer and adjournment: Michael Raney closed in prayer at 9pm.

*Kathryn L Matthews*