

## **Board of Stewards Meeting**

**02/18/2018**

**Members present:** Rev. Jim Bass, Kim Brizendine, Chuck Carlisle, Dennis Cruse, Kat Grannemann, Pete Halvorson, Laura Hetsko, Rick Powers, David Rachita, Amy Reynolds, Randy Russell, Carole Young

**Members absent:** Lisa Chisholm

**Associates present:** Anita Griffith, Rev. Howard Huhn, Ken Lair, Rick Meyers

**Guest:** Rev. Rosemary Dubois (Congregational Care)

### **Minutes for February 18:**

Amy Reynolds (chair) called the meeting to order. Pete Halvorson shared a devotional on Psalm 130 & prayer.

Ken Lair (Finance) December 2017 finished strong. Beat what was thought the estimate of giving would be. January is usually a low month & it was – so no surprise. Building loan interest that was reduced following Hurricane Harvey is back up. December financials that were emailed out were approved. 207 pledges for 2018 have been received. May do a follow-up. Received 107 pledges to the Jubilee debt. Auditors will be working in April. At the moment Ken is leading Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace each Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Rosemary Dubois (Congregational Care & Senior Adult Ministries) Rosemary is over many ministries: Senior Adults, Caring Ministries, Pastoral Care Team, Stephen Ministries, Joyful Hearts, The Gathering Place, Church Prayer List, & Healing Prayer Ministry. Healing Prayer Ministry is just getting started (handout). Healing Ministry is very structured & will bring great awareness to how the Holy Spirit works within us. Ministries have wonderful volunteers but can always use more help.

The Board of Steward minutes from November 2017 & January 2018 were approved.

The meeting dates in July & December may not happen due to vacations & holidays.

Chris Leslie (Communications) Chris & Howard have been in communication about the church website. Chris is visiting Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings discussing the variety of ways we communicate within & outside the church.

A discussion on nametags for the BOS & the congregation was held. Is this something we can pull off? Tag with magnetic clip thought to be the best. Will the members want to wear a name tag? We have the capability with an upgrade to make the tags. Although the Board like this idea the discussion was placed on hold for the moment.

Jim stated that after the May announcement is made from the Bishop that Town Hall meetings will be scheduled to let the congregation know the direction in which the United Methodist church is moving. He would like to do these meetings before Annual Conference in May.

Rick Meyers (Facilities) report on what has been happening with the buildings (attached report). A new cleaning service (CPP Unlimited) has been hired. We are getting better coverage with a cheaper contract.

Our Ministry report staff member scheduled for March will be Janis Finch from Adult Discipleship Ministries.

Jim reported that there is still money in the Joe & Dorothy Kunkel Memorial Fund to help purchase new hymnals for the sanctuary. Many of our old red hymnals that came over from the former sanctuary are in very poor condition & need to be replaced. We will also for \$20 let persons put a bookplate in the new hymnals as a dedication to honor or memorialize someone.

Pete reported that he couldn't find churches belonging to the Wesleyan Covenant Association. Initially, it seems to be individuals over congregations.

Kim would like to see the governance model further defined & will take the lead on this. He will work with Pete.

Howard has been approached by the Trail Life Group (break off group from Boy Scouts) about our church sponsoring the group. This group is more faith based. The BOS would like to find out more about the group. Maybe invite them to come & speak before the Board.

The meeting was closed in prayer with the next scheduled meeting being Sunday, March 18 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor. Lunch will be provided.

Submitted by Anita Griffith