

Date: May 12, 2020

First United Methodist Church Board of Stewards

Meeting Minutes

1. Opened with a prayer and check-ins from members.
2. The April minutes were approved with no corrections. The May 12 agenda was accepted with the update on Payroll Protection Plan.
3. Dave Brodhead reviewed the balance sheets. Last month we received the PPP loan/grant, \$62,000, and it has been placed in savings. We've started using it, \$15,000, was added for payroll. 25% is being used each month. That \$15,000 equates to the church administration payroll. There's a new line item under "revenues" which equates for our administration expenses. IF we didn't have it, the month would have been about \$4,000 in the hole. WE had a fairly good month in revenue but if you look at the expenses, we haven't been spending. YTD expenses have been light.

MWCDC hasn't had a meeting to decide if they can pay more to the church. Pastor Bobbie advised that the MWCDC doesn't meet again until late summer. They continue to serve only essential employee children.

No response back yet from Dr. Stansell, TAC Treasurer, hasn't yet responded to us about the request for information about leasing the building.

4. Trustee Issues: The outdoor window work has been completed. The repair to the wall separation in the Activity Center has been completed. The construction on the associate parsonage moldy bathroom has begun. No update on repair of the AC commercial disposal. Nita and Matt continue to be in conversation about remodeling of the Sanctuary chancel. No issues with A/C. Pastor Bobbie has been making repairs to the landscaping at the senior pastor parsonage.

5. SPRC Update – The staff are watching multiple webinars and online meetings learning how to safely open up. The guidelines from the bishop are only part of it. Matt has been watching webinars hosted by choral professionals. Singing in church is being very carefully evaluated. Pastor Bobbie is working with Kris to get free-standing hand sanitizers outside worship areas and wall mounted dispensers in multiple other areas, how to obtain masks. It's predicted to be a while before we can be completely prepared to reopen. We have many high-risk members; younger families have liked online worship. Pastor Bobbie has begun putting together a timeline, using some basic information from another church about our size, with corporate worship beginning mid-to-late summer. Information changes about every two weeks so it's challenging to nail down a specific date. We will need to spend some money in other ways in order to provide online worship, communication, etc. Youth camps at Lakeview

has been cancelled. Nothing has been decided yet about Vacation Bible School. Things we have to consider is not having large gatherings, conducting temp checks, sanitizing between activities, smaller classes, not moving from space to space, etc. Input from stewards included that trying to do it online probably wouldn't draw much participation.

6. New board member – Glen talked to a church member who declined the invitation at this time.

7. Reopening the church is being considered using information from health professionals, the bishop, and advise from other church leaders. Making it safe to worship will make worship very different. Input from the stewards is that we make sure we're listening to more than one or two health professionals. The question was raised if we have to follow the guidelines from the bishop and the answer is yes. We have to consider how to keep numbers at a lower capacity – how do we turn people away? We have to figure out how to sanitize after and/or before events. Some local churches have added more services to get around the capacity limits. If we were to increase the number of worship services we have, would we want to put that on our pastors. Pastor Bobbie declined to comment.

8. Returning to the PPP loan, the guidelines have been changed since we were given the loan. Kris has consulted our bank and she will also be talking to Dave about it. The increased requirements infer that you shouldn't apply if you aren't expecting to have to completely close down without the loan. Kris is on top of it and we'll keep you updated as information comes available.

9. Pastor Bobbie reported that a new Bible study will begin on Thursday, May 21. There will be an added recorded Lectio Divina and an Evening Prayer and Compline. She will also be offering a COVID-19 support group every other week, beginning next Monday, May 18.

9. Meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Bobbie Maltas