

Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
Leadership Board Meeting
Minutes
October 24, 2023

Where Lives Are Transformed By Grace

We gather to experience Christ. We grow and explore our faith. We go and encourage the world.

In Attendance:

Jason Blake, Anne Britt, Renee Delgado, Andy Elmes, Jayne Anne Grigg, Dawn Heldmann, Lisa McGehee, Laurie Scott, Bryson Smith, Mark Smith, Bob Stephens

Spiritual Formation:

Jason opened the meeting with prayer, a devotional, and scripture readings about the power and importance of regular, consistent prayer.

Opening Remarks:

Anne and Lisa provided an update on the Open Table and the Chamberlayne House. A press release from Anthem is scheduled to be released in October; the press release will announce the partnership among Good Shepherd, Anthem, and Open Table and the establishment of the residence at the Chamberlayne Heights campus for young adults aging out of foster care.

Leadership Development:

Bryson reviewed Matthew 4:23. This scripture shows Jesus doing three things: Jesus travels, teaches the Good News, and heals. Bryson related Jesus's actions to the ways Good Shepherd works towards the achievement of its mission and vision.

Bryson shared a book entitled "Not Your Parents' Offering Plate." Bryson emphasized that tithing comes from the heart. He stressed the importance of communicating and demonstrating the specific ways that tithing is being used to achieve Good Shepherd's mission and vision.

Updates:

Andy reviewed the September financials. We have received a \$35,000 grant from Anthem to be used for a part of the Chamberlayne House renovations. The Chamberlayne House renovations are currently estimated to cost approximately \$76,000. There was discussion about amending the motion that was made in August to transfer \$50,000 of the CHUMC funds and designate those funds for the Chamberlayne House renovations. Now that we have received the \$35,000 grant, the \$50,000 could be moved to the general fund and used for other expenses.

There was discussion that another option would be to allocate all incoming funds (grants and other income sources) to the general fund and then, at a later date, transfer the portion of the \$50,000 that is not used for the Chamberlayne House renovations back to the general fund.

The Leadership Board is considering a motion to earmark up to \$50,000 to be used for current expenses. The Board needs input from Carol Walker to assess current expenses and funding requirements before making a decision about transferring the \$50,000 to the general fund. The Board may need to schedule a special meeting for this matter.

Andy suggested that we need to identify each income item and each expenditure item and assess each item's alignment with Matthew 4:23.

A work session will be scheduled in the next 2-3 weeks for a smaller working group that will include Andy, Mark, and Carol; the group will assess expenses for the remainder of 2023.

Clergy Preference Forms:

Clergy preference forms are due before year-end.

Generative and Strategic Work:

Open Table:

Lisa reported that we need to put the word out about the need for donations of furniture, furnishings, appliances, and other household items for the 6100 Chamberlayne House. We need to communicate to donors that Good Shepherd does not have adequate space to store donations between now and the beginning of the year. The first 6100 House residents are currently scheduled to arrive in February, 2024. We are asking that donors hold their donations until February.

Next Meeting:

The next Leadership Board meeting is scheduled for November 21, 2023, at 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer:

Jason closed the meeting with a prayer.