

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
Leadership Board Meeting Minutes
September 26, 2023**

In Attendance: Anne Britt, Renee Delgado, Andy Elmes, Jayne Ann Grigg, Dawn Heldmann, Kim Ivey, Lisa McGehee, Sam Rajaratnam, Bryson Smith, Mark Smith, Bob Stephens

Opening Remarks Anne

Spiritual Formation

Dawn opened the meeting with a devotional reading.

Leadership Development

Bryson led a discussion about our goals and discipleship. We want to grow in engagement through discipleship paths. Renee explained the Discipleship Pathway for Adults, which has four levels: budding, growing, blooming, and thriving. To encourage engagement, we want to see everyone growing in their discipleship. We also want to invite friends to visit our church and to encourage other church members to invite guests. The flyers will be printed, information will be put on the website, and it will also be talked about during Sunday's sermon.

Updates

- **Update on Realm**
 - Staff is still learning to use Realm and its features. Lisa recently used notes within Realm to share information with staff about a visitor who came because of the bazaar. The person has connected with small groups and will be joining the church. Realm was a great tool for connecting this guest.
- **New members and visitors**
 - We have had some visitors stop by the visitor table to talk and get information. There are some non-members who have signed up as volunteers for Open Table.
- **Open Table**
 - Anne reported that the Memorandum of Understanding has been signed. See the Pastor's Report, pages 4-5, for details about grants that have been applied for and the repair budget. If we don't get enough grant money to cover the house repairs, we will ask Anthem for additional funding. Press releases will go out soon, likely at the national and local levels as we are the first church to pilot this kind of program. Four members of the conference staff will be joining our Network Table.
 - **MOTION:** Anne moved to release \$50,000 from the CHUMC foundation funds to begin restorations on the house. The hope is to replace this money once grants are received. Bob seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.
- **Dinner Church**

- Renee reported that the planning team is full. They have contacted the West End Manor Civic Association about using their facilities and are still investigating other options. October 8, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m., they will host a session on active listening, an important focus of a ministry of presence. Lisa is writing grants to help fund Dinner Church.
- **Worship Audit**
 - Bryson distributed copies of the worship audit for review prior to our next meeting. He would like to create a task force to look at the recommendations.
- **Trustees**
 - Anne reported that a church member noticed that none of our stained glass windows actually feature the Good Shepherd. They have offered to research the cost and potentially donate a new window. A recommended location to place it would be in Wistar Hall.
 - A member has offered to pay for a bench to be placed out front for members to use while waiting for transportation.
 - UMM will be donating money for needed tree work on the property.
- **Charge Conference**
 - October 15, 4 p.m., at Discovery UMC. All Leadership Committee members are encouraged to attend.
- **Finance**
 - Andy reviewed the treasurer's report: -\$17,000 cash flow for the month. He hopes we follow the usual pattern of increased donations at the end of the year. We are also expecting some grant money to come in before the end of the year.

Next meeting: October 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Dawn closed the meeting with a prayer.

SPR Closed Session

Clergy Salaries – Due for Charge Conference on October 15