

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church**  
**Leadership Board Meeting Minutes**  
**April 29, 2024**

**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**

Anne Britt, Renee Delgado, Jayne Anne Grigg, Dawn Heldmann, Kim Ivey, Laurie Scott, Bryson Smith, Bob Stephens, Carol Walker

**Opening Remarks**

Anne opened the meeting with a devotional reading.

**Leadership Development**

**Recruiting New Leaders** - Cabell Gobble and Tiffany Lewis are both interested in joining the Leadership Board, and they are in discussions with Bryson.

**Teaching** - Bryson challenged the Board to get curious about how we interact with and reach people in the community. Ask hard, critical questions, and dream big.

**Updates**

**Update on Realm** - Realm will roll out to the congregation in May.

**New members and visitors** - We are still trying to capture information from visitors, but this is an ongoing challenge.

**Finance** - Carole reviewed the operating budget, which was shared as an attachment. The total income is a little lower than expected at this point in the year. Apportionments have been paid in full. Large expenses at 6100 - oil tank filled, and compressor repaired.

**Trustees** - The Prayer Garden (near administrative entrance) will be renovated in memory of Karen Albro. Several GSUMC members are making this possible through donations and labor. New benches are out front, and we will find a way to secure them. Some tree branches are overhanging on the property edge, and we will get quotes for this work.

**Open Table** - The house is now furnished. The first tenant will arrive on May 11. Three others will arrive by the end of June. All males.

**Movie** - The Pharell Williams movie will be filmed at the 6100 campus. The contract is being reviewed, and filming will begin in May.

### **Discussion of Process for Clergy Reviews**

Anne reported that it is time to get clergy reviews completed for Bryson, Lisa, and Renee. Input is needed from the Leadership Board. All are asked to use the distributed "Annual Evaluation for Clergy" form and "Characteristics of Effective Clergy" documents to guide their input about the strengths and areas of potential growth for each.

#### **Timeline:**

May 6 - input from Leadership Board on each clergy due to Anne Britt  
([annebritt80@verizon.net](mailto:annebritt80@verizon.net))

May 13 - draft of review summaries will be sent to the Board

May 17 - final comments due to Anne

May 20 - final documents sent to the Board

May 23rd - Anne to meet with Clergy to discuss reviews

### **Generative & Strategic Work**

**Affordable Housing** - Bryson and Lisa have met with Wesley Development Group as part of the process to decide what we could do with the 6100 campus. Lisa will be joining a Community Convening Cohort with Open Table group in the fall. Further discussions will not happen until after Conference is complete.

**Dinner Church** - Renee reported that they are averaging between 25-40 people each week. They are still finding ways to reach out to the community, such as at the Longan Elementary School fair. The West End Community Association will be holding a National Night Out event that Renee and team will attend. A sign is being created that can be put outside on Tuesday nights.

#### **Leadership Retreat**

This will be planned soon so dates can be provided. Probably late August.

#### **Upcoming Events to Celebrate**

- Sam's last Sunday will be June 30.
- Lara Maher will become a certified lay minister.
- Renee will be ordained in June.

#### **Next Meeting**

Monday, May 20, at GSUMC

#### **Closing Prayer**

Anne closed the meeting with a prayer.