

# Good Shepherd United Methodist Church

## Leadership Board Meeting Minutes

### January 23, 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**

Jason Blake, Anne Britt, Renee Delgado, Jayne Anne Grigg, Dawn Heldmann, Kim Ivey, Sam Rajaratnam, Laurie Scott, Bryson Smith, Mark Smith, Bob Stephens, Carol Walker

#### **Opening Remarks**

Anne welcomed everyone.

#### **Spiritual Formation**

Mark opened the meeting with devotions and prayer.

#### **Reflections from Bryson**

- Renee will have her interviews for Full Membership next week.
- This is the time of year when Pastors are reassigned. Our pastors are not planning on moving.
- The District has set new goals for the churches in our Cluster.
  1. Change one thing within your church to encourage a culture of innovation and invitation
  2. Incorporate one way to help members become effective witnesses for Jesus by providing educational opportunities on how to write and share faith stories, resulting in an increase of 10% new Professions of Faith
  3. Attend, participate in, or develop an event or activity outside of your church to connect and engage people within your local community
  4. Churches/clusters will launch one Dinner Church, Messy Church, or other Fresh Expression (something new)
  5. The TND will assist churches/clusters to begin one new district-wide church plant
- Bryson's question for all: Is GSUMC a place you would invite friends to visit? If not, why? Look around as if with new eyes.

#### **Generative & Strategic Work**

- Grant from the conference – allocation to Phase I and Phase II
  - \$50,000 grant to go into a restricted account. Phase I is \$20,000 for a consultant to look at how the 6100 campus could be used for affordable housing, preschool, clinics, etc. Phase II is \$30,000 for making the campus a place to gather and worship.
  - We did get a grant to help with the renovations on the house to be used for Open Table.
- Discussion of 6100 campus
  - Ann reported that a lot of work is going on with the Open Table house, including electrical work. Painting will begin soon, and we are recruiting volunteers for this. Phin Wood and Sonny Rea are at the property every day to monitor progress.
  - The first group of young women will move in around March 1. Volunteers are working to stock the kitchen and pantry.
- Dinner Church

- Renee reported that the West End Manor Civic Association is ready for us and that the lease has been signed. Trial run coming up on February 6. Laura and Lisa have a marketing plan in place to promote the program.
- Pastor's Report
  - The January 2024 Pastor's Report was distributed to Board members for review.

### **Financial Update**

- 2023 Final Results
  - Carol reviewed the year-end report, which was distributed to the group. Going into 2024, we have about \$27,000 available for operating expenses. She also reviewed the Restricted Funds Account report.
- Communicate these results to the congregation.
  - We will ask Andy to provide a year-end report to the congregation in two weeks.
- Budget Discussion and Approval
  - Carol reviewed the 2024 Working Budget, which was distributed to the group. We are projecting an income of \$600,000 through general fund donations. Total income is projected to be \$719,561 due to several grants. Total expenses projected to be \$751,979. This leaves a deficit of \$32,418.
  - **MOTION:** Ann moved to approve the 2024 Budget. Dawn seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

**Next meeting: February 27th at 6:30 p.m.** West End Manor Civic Association after Dinner Church.

\*\*Dinner Church meets this evening from 6-7 p.m. and will meet every Tuesday. The Board will join for dinner then move to a meeting room. We may need to consider changing Board meeting nights so they don't continue to conflict with Dinner Church.

### **Closing Prayer**

Mark closed the meeting with prayer.

### **Closed SPR session**