

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
Leadership Board Meeting
Minutes
August 22, 2025**

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, Cabell Gobble, Jayne Anne Grigg, Kim Ivey, Tiffany Lewis, Lisa McGehee, Mary Beth Mitchell, Laurie Scott, Mark Smith, Jim Smutz, Jae Song, Wes Stein, and Carol Walker.

Spiritual Formation:

Pastor Jae opened the meeting with a prayer.

Finance:

Carol reviewed the GSUMC financials.

There was an increase in giving for August 2025; however, the current projection for year-to-date income is a negative projection of \$-36,491.00. The current year-to-date funds available for operating expenses are \$-57,330.44.

There was discussion that while overall annual expenses have increased, income has not kept pace with the rate of expense increases. There was also discussion concerning apportionments, which have increased from \$75,600 in 2021 to \$133,644 for 2025. Apportionments are calculated using a formula that is based on the total annual budget.

Updates:

Church Administrator Position

The Board discussed the administrative duties that Pastor Lisa and Carol Walker have assumed during the last year and a half. The Board approved finalizing a job description for a new Church Administrator position and initiating the job posting and hiring process. The administrative duties assumed by Pastor Lisa and Carol Walker will be transitioned to the new Church Administrator.

Community Convening Initiative

Anne Britt presented a summary of the “Community Convening” initiative, a collaboration between Open Table and GSUMC designed to empower connections and partnerships among organizations to address community needs. By acting as a catalyst to connect organizations to work together and form partnerships and alliances, we will broaden the impact and increase the effectiveness of each individual organization’s work in the community. The initiative will be presented to the GSUMC congregation on October 19 during and after worship.

Next Meeting:

The next Leadership Board meeting is scheduled for September 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the GSUMC Conference Room.

Closing Prayer:

Pastor Jae closed the meeting with a prayer.