

**Good Shepherd United Methodist Church
Leadership Board Meeting
Minutes
February 17, 2026**

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, Kim Ivey, Tiffany Lewis, Lisa McGehee, Mary Beth Mitchell, Laurie Scott, Mark Smith, Jim Smuts, Jae Song, and Wes Stein

Opening Remarks:

Kim Ivey, Leadership Chair, welcomed everyone.

Spiritual Formation:

Pastor Jae opened the meeting with a review of the Leadership Covenant and prayer.

Budget Review/Finance Update:

Mark reviewed the GSUMC financials. January income was below budget, but it was noted that the church was closed one Sunday due to inclement weather. No significant changes noted on the restricted fund.

New Business

Rise Against Hunger will take place on March 7, 2026. A donation made last year allowed us to put \$5,300 toward paying for Rise Against Hunger this year; the goal is to pack 12,000 meals.

Board Positions were discussed, with some members rolling off (Anne Britt) and some electing to extend their terms by one year (Jayne Anne Grigg, Mark Smith, Laurie Scott). A new Lay Leader is still needed and the general board member application has been shared and is still open for applicants.

Kim Ivey will lead the effort to hold a town hall type annual meeting (tentatively June 2026) to provide the congregation with an annual report (including budget updates, mission plans, ministry plans, etc.), along with a time for Q&A from the congregation.

Laura Maher has submitted her resignation, effective March 22, 2026. A position description for Communications Director has been developed to recruit for this role. The target date for this

hire will be June 2026, and Lisa plans to cover all communications during the lapse, through June.

MOTION: Mary Beth Mitchell moved to move forward with recruitment for this role; Anne Britt seconded the motion. Unanimously approved.

Leadership Board Retreat will take place on April 18, 2026 from 9am to 3pm; further details are to be determined.

Next Leadership Board Meeting will take place on March 17th at 7:15pm

Closing Prayer

Pastor Jae closed the meeting with a prayer.