

## WBLUMC Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday April 19th, 2022

Members attending: Margie Grilley, Pastor Bill Eaves, Margaret Westin, Chin Oji, Wes Erwin, David Kittleson, Al Rausch, Jan Peterson

Guest attending: Curt Merkle

- Pastor Bill led in opening prayer.
- Minutes of March 15, 2022 Meeting have been approved via email.
- Leadership Summit Minutes approved.
- Building Automated Proposal presented by Curt Merkle.
  - Wireless, automated system to optimize efficiency of HVAC system.
  - Central control in office or via remote.
  - Once costs covered, reduction in HVAC costs.
  - Would involve integrated system with 16 new thermostats, 9 controllers.
  - Current bid is \$31,200-\$1000 rebate-\$2700 grant = \$27,500. Estimated cost savings=\$2400/month.
  - There is a \$25,000 interest free loan available over 6 years.
  - Board suggested to pursue further with other bids.
- Racial Justice Initiative update
  - Richard Webb and Anthony Galloway interviewed by the committee.
  - Favorable alignment with Anthony Galloway (and Jonathon Bucki) team.
  - A proposal has been requested.
- Finance Committee update
  - Pledges up to \$802,000.
  - Goal pledge for 2022 was \$800,000
  - Budget shortfall of \$56,000 to fulfill all budget requests
  - Vote to approve budget scheduled for May 22nd
  - Finance committee will review final budget
- Board Nominations
  - 10 names have been submitted and 2 have been contacted.
  - Vote for new members will be on May 22nd.
- Global Methodist denominational changes: Pastor Bill
  - Pastor Bill stated that some churches have begun to break off; at this point most are in other countries or in the southern US.
    - The churches that are breaking off are those that are not in support of inclusivity.
    - In Minnesota there's been some talk but no one has made a split.
    - Since the United Methodist Church General Conference has been postponed twice now, there doesn't seem to be as much discussion around the potential break as there has been in 2020.
      - No one in our church has asked about it.
- Plan for June board meeting

- Margie mentioned the idea of meeting in person in June, to celebrate the outgoing board members and welcome the new members. She will send around a Doodle Poll for potential dates.
- Next Board Meeting: May 17th at 7:00 AM via Zoom