**Minutes**

**WBLUMC Board of Directors Meeting**

**January 19, 2021, 7:00AM via Zoom video call**

Members Attending**:** Jeff Lantto, Chair, Pastor Bill Eaves, Margie Grilley, Al Rausch, Jan Peterson, Chin Oji. Absent: Julie Perreira, Amy Swanson.

Opening – Pastor Bill opened with a prayer

Volunteer to take minutes – Margie

**Agenda Items:**

* Minutes of 12-15-2020 Board Meeting were approved by email and have been published on the church website.
* Leadership Summit update: Jeff included the minutes from the January 9th meeting in the board packet for review. Bill led us in a discussion on the Eight Disruptive Trends.
* Donations: The church has received 3 donations to the music fund in the amounts of $1,000, $2,500, and $10,000; and an anonymous donation of $30,000 for A/V equipment for our sanctuary. The Finance Committee has reviewed them and requests the Board of Directors to approve them. Board approval is needed for any restricted donation over $500. The board approved all four donations. There was discussion on the process of acknowledging donations and Bill provided details on that process, including letters that get sent to the donors for tax reporting purposes. We talked about putting something in the eBlast that says how much donations are appreciated and how they are used, in a general sense.
* 2021 Stewardship Campaign update: Bill reported that we are close to our stated goal, with $765,000 received so far. An Estate Planning event was held in November that generated some interest.
* Church Reopening Update: Al reported that the next meeting of the Church Reopening committee was going to be held next week to renew discussions on how and when our church can begin to reopen for meetings and Sunday in-person services. The goal for reopening is to do no harm. Bill is looking at what other churches are currently planning or doing. It’s possible that we could be open by Easter but a first phase would be to open for small groups and recovery groups.
* Communication Grant update: Bill reported on the communication grant that we received last year for radio advertising. He was told that it can be carried forward into 2021 since it wasn’t used in 2020. The grant will cover a morning and evening ad spot that will run for two weeks on an area FM radio station.
* Associate Pastor update: Bill said the District Superintendent gave him about a dozen names of potential candidates for the position, and he is checking them out. He said that they were a diverse group of individuals, in age, gender, race and backgrounds. The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet in April to begin interviewing candidates. Pastor John will be with us through the end of June.
* Church Conference: Jeff included the minutes from the January 10th Church Conference meeting in our board packet. The meeting was held to approve the 2021 budget and the Lay Leadership report.
* A list of the upcoming dates of Board Meetings through June 2021 is attached for Board Members to note. There was discussion on the time and day of our meeting schedule and whether it should be changed. 7:00AM on the 3rd Tuesday of the month seemed to work best for everyone present so it won’t be changed.
* The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 16 at 7:00AM via Zoom.

# UPCOMING BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES-as of 1-14-2021

Dates Minute Taker Treat Provider

2-18-20 Julie Perreira Bonnie Greenleaf

3-24-20 Margie Grilley

4-21-20 Julie Perreira

5-19-20 Bonnie Greenleaf

6-16-20 Margie Grilley

7-21-20 Did not meet

8-18-20 Margie Grilley

9-15-20 Julie Perreira

10-20-20 Margie Grilley

11-17-20 Julie Perreira

12-15-20 Jan Peterson

1-19-21 Margie Grilley

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