

GREEN TRAILS UNITED METHODIST LEADERSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
December 17, 2024

In Attendance: Pastor Linda, Amanda Hughes, Tim Bennett, Tim Felthouse, Claudia Valentine-Fjone, Bill Fenlon, Don Weaver, Linda Rapp, Lynne Johnson.

Guests: Pat and Carl Cox, Kathy Korbecki

Opening Prayer: Pastor Linda

Pastor's Report: Pastor Linda reported that we have hired a part-time custodian, working 2 days a week.

We will hold off on choosing a replacement Music Director until after Christmas. The Memorial Service for Jeffrey's wife Margaret Heyl, will be Saturday, December 21 at 11:00 AM in Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church.

We have received a \$2,500 donation from the Methodist Conference for the new Trekkers Program. The Open House for the Trekkers will be from 2:30 to 6:00 on January 2. Church Members are encouraged to attend to welcome visitors. The Cookie Walk on December 7 also acts as a good connection for our church with the community. One of the attendees said she had been coming to the event for 40 years.

Advent Adventures attracted over 100 children and parents to the indoor event but very few church members attended. It will always be indoors.

The colors for the new roof were chosen and Bill made a motion for our asphalt shingle choice and installation with Lynne seconding. Motion unanimously approved.

January 25 will be a Board Retreat from 9 to 2. Location to be announced.

Sunday, January 26 Rev. Laura Murphy will preach and then run a session on "Putting Your Life in Order" after church.

Trivia Night will be April 4. Amanda needs a team to help run the function.

Following a discussion to provide more current information to the church family, the Board plans to veto/approve minutes on line so that more timely minutes can be given to Jei to put into the newsletter and also made available at the next church service.

January 28, Tuesday, will be the regular monthly Board meeting at 6:30.

Christmas Giving donations will be decided by each member between Mozambique and Church Physical needs.

Rev. Rocky's project, Let It Be Christmas, also will ask audience for Dondo contributions at each performance.

Kathy Korbecki suggested that we try to get more Members involved in various Church activities and building upkeep.

There was thoughtful discussion regarding the emergency issues regarding the building (repair/replacement of heating system--\$36,989; roof replacement for part of building--\$5,200; flooding inside building after heavy rains—cost unknown; and replacing 2 electrical panels---\$5,200). One approach to fund the necessary repairs reflected borrowing money from “ourselves” rather than the bank. The suggestion being any funds that the Board takes from the Emergency Fund would be re-imbursed to the Fund through a capital campaign from the congregation over a defined period of time.

Pastor Linda agreed to research whether funds in the Parsonage Fund are available for paying emergency building expenses.  
No final decisions were made regarding funding for the emergency expenses.

Claudia suggested that we identify unrestricted funds which have not been used for years, close them, and move the money to the Building Fund to provide a cushion for future building expenses/repairs. To do this, a notice will be placed in the newsletter regarding which funds are being considered for closing and ask if anyone has an objection to doing this.

After discussing various ways of presenting monthly financial data for Board discussion, Linda Rapp agreed to begin putting the financial data in narrative form.

The November 25 minutes were approved and Lynne will send them to Jei to put into the newsletter.

Closing Prayer provided by Amanda Hughes

Next Meeting: Extra meeting on January 7 at 6:30 to discuss 2025 Budget and Goals

Regular Meeting, January 28, 2025