

Faith UMC Board Meeting  
September 26, 2021

**Those Present:** Doug Hickom, Rev. John A. Page, Jeff Hughes, John Olney, Jeff Holt, Larman Self, Lewis Cox, Rick Bedell, David Watts, Cindi Gravely, Jody Hardin, Landon Gravely,  
**Staff Present:** Christy Dunn, Necole DeRosa, Vickie Knowles, Josie Hickom, Doug Gravely

Doug Hickom Opened with Prayer.

The minutes from the August meeting were reviewed. Lewis Cox moved that they be accepted. Larman Self seconded. They were accepted.

#### **FINANCE:**

Rick Bedell report that we have all the bills paid and there is \$13,217.44 in the bank at present. He also reported that part of the Finance Committee met and they have some recommendations to put before the board pertaining to Credit Cards and the Designated Accounts.

1)They recommend that there be one credit card and that a maximum of \$150.00 per event be charged. If there needs to be more charged, it must be approved by the Finance Chair. After some discussion Jeff Hughes made a motion to approve this recommendation. Cindi Gravely seconded. It was approved.

2)The committee also recommends that there be 3 Designated Accounts. 1)Manna Pantry 2)Backpack Buddies 3)Trustees. There was discussion. Doug suggested we table this matter for further discussion at the next Board meeting. Rev. John Page stated that it was a good and healthy thing to be discussing and we definitely needed to continue it so that we can come to a consensus on the Designated Accounts. Rev. Page stated that whatever the decision is about Designated Accounts, there will need to be a transition period because the staff has planned their activities with the account in mind.

3) They feel like Fundraisers accomplishes more than one thing. It brings people together for a cause and can involve not just the church but the community. They recommend we still have fundraisers but need to come before the Board for approval. This way there will not be multiple fundraisers at one time or close together. Larman Self made a motion to accept the Fundraiser recommendation from the Finance Committee. Lewis Cox Seconded. The motion passed.

#### **TRUSTEES:**

John Olney reported that there is a problem with the Ice Machine. He has worked on it and as of right now, it is working. He also stated that the concrete bench in the front of the church will need to be replaced because it is broken and is a hazard. He told the Board that Meadows came to hook up the heaters and there was a transformer that blew. Meadows will be replacing it at no cost to the church. It seems there was a problem with the coils which made the system to lock down.

John Page reported that the playground is in poor disrepair. We need mulch laid that is safe to use and up to Code. The community can see the playground from the road. This needs to be taken care of before our Trunk and Treat event on October 24<sup>th</sup>. Quotes have been gotten. There is only one that can do it in the timeline we need. The cost will be \$4,800.00. John further explained that our building is over 20 years old and there are many things that we need to look at to repair/replace. Examples are Carpet, Pressure Washing, etc. For this reason, we need to include a line item for Maintenance repair/upkeep in the 2022 budget. Cindi Gravely made a motion to accept the bid for the Playground work. Jeff Hughes seconded. The motion passed.

Doug Reported that Tom Lewis had informed him that someone has purchased property behind us from an individual. They are interested in purchasing some of our property and would like to have a discussion on the easement. Jeff Holt made a motion for the Trustees, Doug, Tom, and the pastor to set up a meeting with them. Landon Gravely seconded. The motion passed. Doug will let Tom know to work on setting that up. John Page reminded the Board that all request to sale property must go through the District Board of Church and Location first.

**PASTORS MOMENT:**

John reported that the staff have turned in their portion of the budget request. With those items along with operating and administrative cost our te

ntative budget is \$392,800.00. This does not include local missions or building and maintenance. We will need to work on a pledge program this month to relay this information to the congregation. He also reported that we will have our Charge Conference via Zoom Meeting on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 pm. We will need to meet on October 17<sup>th</sup> as a Board to finalize the paperwork. There was discussion on the new questions that are asked on Data Services about the Church. A consensus was formed on what to write. John stated that there is still plans in the works to have a Vaccination Clinic at the Church. The Board had approved this via email. They are planning on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month of each clinic. (2 total)

There being no further business, Rev. Page closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josie Hickom