

Board of Stewards Minutes June 15, 2023

Board members present: David Kinder, Steve Waters, Brian Griffin, Dianne Dorsett, Johnny Boyd, Charles Johnson, Brian Nash, Carol Cauley, Jack Rodgers, Pat Crump, Amy Willcox

Absent: Dan St. Romain, Doran Dennis, Roger Lind, Scott Boynton

Staff members: Jason Adams, Linda Baumheckel, Donna Strieb, Ryan Jacobson, Janet Weatherston, Valerie Slade

Staff members absent: Darrell Smith, Chris Estus, Jeff Guillory

Secretary: Leah Jayne

Church Members visiting: Tony Westrich, Kathryn Bassett

Welcome: David Kinder opened the meeting at 5:33 pm

Prayer: Linda Baumheckel gave the opening prayer.

Approval of May Minutes: Jack Rodgers moved to approve, and Steve Waters seconded.

Annual Conference Report: Donna Strieb read her report and filed a copy with the minutes.

Finance Report: Dianne asked Valerie to read the report on her behalf and a copy will be filed with the minutes. Below is what was read to the Board.

The Board voted to remove Robert Ortiz and add Jeff Guillory as a signer to the checking account. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Finance Committee began an in-depth review of the Foundation's past support to our church to have a better understanding of the church's financial situation were that not available.

The Conference health insurance premiums are going up and the ministers are required to be on the Conference plan. The Finance Committee voted to leave the Lay Staff on the current policy with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois.

The Weekday School is extending their hours and more employees of the school will now be eligible for the church health coverage. After seeking legal counsel, it was determined the Lay Staff and Weekday School staff do not have to be charged the same premium amount.

The Randy Walker CPA firm has begun its work to provide a financial compilation for 2022.

Valerie reported the church went over the month of May which ended \$16,000 short. The net surplus for May was -\$64K (-\$16K over projections) and \$96K YTD under plan.

Trustees: No report.

Senior Pastor's Comments: Jason wrote a letter that was sent out to the church reminding the members that their support of the church is still needed and a summer slump could be avoided if they do not forget the church. He is proud of the church and feels blessed.

Carol asked if anyone has heard from the Youth who are participating in the UM Army and how they are doing? Valerie heard from Kathey Adams, the youth leader on Tuesday morning and they are working hard and learning new skills. Valerie also mentioned that the UM Army, approximately 104 youth and chaperones, will be staying on our campus the week of July 16-22. Jason let the Board know our youth are building ramps in San Marcos.

Charles Johnson asked if everyone received the letter Jason sent out. Jason said it was mailed to everyone.

Tony Westridge asked to clarify the dates of the UM Army and then asked where his class would meet. Leah Jayne said she would let the group know and he asked her to notify Cal Reynolds.

Question and Answer Time: David encouraged the Board to set aside 15 minutes during the time we would normally have a meeting in the month of July to think of a God sized dream for the church. And when we return, to be prepared to share that dream with the Board.

He offered suggestions for helping people in distress over changes in the church to give high quality listening to them, and then ask questions. Letting them know they are heard.

Closing Prayer: Ryan Jacobson closed the meeting in prayer.

Meeting ended at 6 pm