

# **Medford First Christian Church**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

Time: 6:30 pm ZOOM

Present: Kay Killian (Chair), Marsha Cummings (VC), Pamela Dye (Secretary), Marita Holder (Financial Secretary), Carol Miller (Board Rep), Kathy Williams (Board Rep), Carolyn Oates (Board Rep), Ted Killian, Tami Jo Decker (Elders Rep), Cathy Dorsey (Property), Stacy Shelton (Pastor), Jacob Ghena (guest)

- ❖ Kay called the meeting to order at 6:34.
- ❖ Tami Jo led us in a devotional.
- ❖ Jacob Ghena, a realtor in southern Oregon shared about a housing project he is working on to make home ownership in the valley more affordable. You can text Jacob at 541.897.9898 for more information.
- ❖ The minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and accepted as submitted. The Congregational meeting minutes from November are also on the portal.
- ❖ Reports
  - Financial Secretary Report - Marita  
See attached. Marita shared that our balance looks good due to a larger donation that was made at the end of last year. Small Steps was close to even in February. The church was a little low but she is confident it will pick up.
  - Elder's Report - Tami Jo  
The elders met for a meeting and spiritual practice. There will be continued discussion of returning to communion by intinction.
  - Property - Cathy  
We are in the process of adding new flooring to the chapel and the business office. We cleaned the carpet in the library, classroom and pastor's office. We are also having some repair done to the vinyl planks in FH and in Small Steps.  
  
One of the gentlemen who meets in Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays has offered to fix the exterior door near the Fellowship Hall and install heavy duty door stops on the interior doors to Fellowship Hall.
  - Program Council - Marsha  
Palm Sunday – People will be given palms at entrance and come forward during the first song. Palms have been ordered.  
  
Easter – Stacy will find the cross. We will remind people to bring flowers. Stacy is working with Marty on music.  
  
Easter Brunch -Pamela will spearhead food. Marsha and Brian offered to help.  
  
We will have an Easter Egg Hunt with adult and kid prizes. Request for multiple smaller prizes.  
  
Campout: We will be at Flumet Flat June 14-16.

Green Chalice: Kay will be putting out the Terra Cycle boxes to receive any Fred Meyer packaging starting in April.

Pat and David are looking into redoing the planters at the church using galvanized steel and cedar. Looking into the cost of those. Stacy applied for the Cow Creek Grant to include this. Stacy will also apply for funds from the United Way.

Bunco: It was a roaring success! We will have another on May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm. \$15 buy in, \$5 to winnings, \$10 to church. Invite people to bring a snack to share.

➤ Pastor's Report - Stacy

Stacy has been engaged in worship, committee meetings and interacting with the public as usual over the past two months since our last board meeting.

In addition, she also preached at the Rogue Valley Manor on March 10<sup>th</sup>, helped get things ready for the Art Show, worked on updating our procedures manual, worked on music for Holy Week, worked on implementing a new time system for Small Steps employees, transitioned janitors (Jessica is back), applied for the Cow Creek grant, is in conversation with the Eisenberg's about updating our garden beds

Looking forward, she is working on crafting meaningful worship services for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter, planning a trip to Las Vegas with her sister April 10-13, planning a trip to Ione April 26-29, planning services for Greg Hansson (4/20) and Warren Horton (4/19), working on putting together her first reading class for my DMin that will be on doing the work of spiritual discernment as a congregation (as opposed to individuals), using spiritual practices. The goal is to create a course of study for congregations to use that is part visioning, part spiritual renewal and leads to a greater understanding of who the congregation is, what their/our values are and how they/we can discern our call with those in mind.

❖ Continuing Business

- Administrative Assistant Update - Stacy has been filling this role through March 31<sup>st</sup>. After Easter she will work on finding a replacement.
- Art Show Report - The Art Show was amazing. We had at least 310 visitors and the church made around \$2300. Thank you Claudette for all your hard work!

❖ New Business

- Stacy has been working on updating our Policies and Procedures Committee and asked for two members of the board to volunteer to be on the editing committee. Marsha and Ted volunteered. Stacy hopes to bring a finished proposal to the board in May.

- ❖ We concluded with prayer requests and prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:14.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Dye & Stacy Shelton