



Caldwell Methodist Church

Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 9, 2024

BoS MEMBERS:

Becky Aldridge, Chair	Tommy Griffin	Bridget Ingram
Kevin McMachen	Michael Bennett	Brad Blaha
Jessica Kreusel	William "Bill" Johnson	
Kirk Chapman	Monica Odenbach	Bill Freeman

Absent: Bill Freeman, Kirk Chapman, Michael Bennett

Visitor(s): Victoria Sandage, Maryann Baron, Bo Aldrige, Anita Johnson,
JD and Cindy Brahm

CALL TO ORDER: Becky Aldridge, Chair, called the meeting to order @ 6:03 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER & DEVOTIONAL: Pastor Kevin McMachen

OPEN COMMENTS: Anita Johnson discussed the need for a funeral reception leader. She asked where to find the monthly minutes, concerns with transparency about business pertaining to the church. She suggested the Board move their meetings to the fellowship hall instead of the conference room to make it more comfortable for others to attend meetings and feel included in the meeting without members having their backs to people. The Board members were receptive and agreed to meet the next couple of meetings in the fellowship hall and look forward to members attending the meetings.

JD and Cindy Brahm brought two mission proposals. A request to help fund a removable wheelchair ramp for a community member. The cost is \$409.76. A second request to help replace rotted siding on a community members house. Burleson County Health is contributing \$150 and the church will pay the rest of the \$421.48. Monica Odenbach made a motion to pay for both jobs from the Local Missions Workers Fund and Tommy Griffin second the motion. The Board approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Meeting minutes of March 11, 2024 were presented for discussion and approval. Brad Blaha made a motion to approve the minutes as presented and Monica Odenbach seconded the motion, which the Board approved unanimously.

Finance:

1. Monthly Financial Report - Becky Aldridge and Monica Odenbach shared the Church Financial Status, and Account Balances at the Bank and Edward Jones as of 4/07/2024.
2. Connections Dinner- Donations were more than expenses, credit is being held until Caldwell

Connections 18 and up can open their own bank account.

3. Update on Financial Status-First quarter of the current budget was reviewed and discussed.

General Business:

1. Security Team - Bo Aldrige presented the idea of having a policy against open carry and post signs stating such. Security team would like to purchase a 3 pack of Motorola radios to have for the security team members to be able to communicate throughout the church and specifically to be in contact with the Nursery workers on Sundays. Brad Blaha made a motion to purchase the radios and Bill Johnson seconded it. Motion passed unanimously. Will also begin to show What Would You Do.... slides with different types of scenarios to start people thinking at the beginning of church services. Example: What Would You Do if there was a tornado headed at the church during church service?
2. Kevin McMachen made a motion to donate banners that used to hang in the sanctuary to another church and Bill Johnson second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Victoria Sandage MDO Update- Enrollment is up. Presented her budget. It was said she is doing a fantastic job with regular updates about the program by email, she is involved in various community activities and events which is having a positive result on the MDO program.
4. Maryann Baron Youth Update-WNL youth attendance for grades 6th -12th is currently at 3 kids. UM Army is coming up. 14 youth and adults are currently signed up. Bighouse will be after UM Army and then Lakeview will be this summer. It is open to kids 1st to 12th grade. She will be sending out regular emails with updates about the youth program.
5. Review BoS Meeting Guidelines Document- Everyone approved of the document and it is in each members official binder.
6. Mothers and Fathers Day church services- there will be 2 services on each of those Sundays instead of having a combined service. Meal will be after the 10:30 service.

SPRC REPORT:

1. Personnel Update –Discussion regarding a non-church individual who came to the church for assistance and became very combative to the point that Pastor Kevin was called into the office. The issue was resolved, but security options were discussed.

TRUSTEES' REPORT:

1. Discuss work day 3/23- several projects were completed or near completion and there was a great turnout.
Replace the water heater in the yellow house. Bridget Ingram made a motion to buy an on demand water heater and Becky Aldrige second the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. UM Army will not have access to the offices or the soundboard in the loft. Offices will be locked outside of office hours.
3. Brad Blaha talked with Ford about a Transit Van. We are on the list but Ford is not currently building any of them right now. Kevin McMachen and others will do a search for a good used one.
4. The sprinklers work but need a little more tinkering.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion for a service possibly on a Saturday to consecrate the church and the parsonage and have a meal afterwards. Kevin McMachen will get a date for this possibly in May.
2. Communion Rail offerings for Methodist Children's Home and Christian Care.
3. Discussion to have the Choir members sign a covenant similar to the Praise Band covenant.

CLOSING PRAYER – Brad Blaha

Meeting adjourned by motion made by Becky Aldridge and second by Brad Blaha @ 8:30 pm. Next meeting is scheduled for May 13, 2024 at 6pm.