

# Chapel Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2023, 2pm. Minutes taken by Maria Peagler, Secretary.

In attendance:

- Bob Hopper, Chairman
- Larry Smith
- Sue Ceravalo
- Jerry Wentworth
- Randy Weirsma
- Wade Starling
- Maria Peagler, Secretary
- Mark Newton
- Pat Collins
- Hugh Westberry
- Jean James
- Beverly Zimmermann
- Becky Truitt
- Dan Bellenger
- Valerie Abner, Staff
- Jeff Turner, Staff
- Tommy Green, Interim Pastor
- David Apple, Associate Pastor

Opening prayer from Mark Newton.

**Prayer Requests/Praises:** John Slim more eye surgery; Maria

Peagler melanoma surgery; Israel; Frank Schwarzmiller; Sue Hammill surgery recovery; Kathleen Ingram (former Chapel secretary - husband passed)

### **Devotional by Maria Peagler**

Based on Jesus' sermon on the mount (Matthew 5:9), blessed are the peacemakers. The BOT makes tough decisions that sometimes will not bring peace to the Chapel. However, the way in which we communicate those decisions, support and implement them, can bring about peace.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

November minutes approved unanimously.

John Willoughby asked if minutes were available on the website? That stopped with the new website, but recommended they be made public.

### **Cemetery Committee Report (Correction to November Minutes)**

Sue Hauseman, President

Valerie Abner, Treasurer

Devon Collins Secretary

Directors: Louise Fox, Allen Hooper, Quincy Zimmermann

Unanimously Approved

# REPORTS & UPDATES

## Financial Report

Financial Report presented Jeff Turner:

- YTD 2023: expenses above budget \$6,000
- YTD: 2023: contributions are short \$11K for month of December, \$52K for the year.

Wade Starling thinks it's possible to meet the December budget, but not the annual budget.

Mark Newton made a motion to accept the report; Hugh Westberry seconded. Unanimously approved.

## 2024 Budget Request

Wade Starling from Finance Committee presented 2024 budget.

Personnel salary increases worked differently this year. There is a bucket of money containing personnel salary increases; BOT determines what percentage goes to pastors vs. staff.

Recommended a budget focusing on a longer view of facilities' needs. Create a 5-year plan for the roof and other items that need to be repaired/updated.

Christian Education increased due to adult retreat.  
Jubilee budget included under BOT.

Privileged motion to approve came out of Finance Committee (No

need for first motion): Sue Ceravalo seconded motion to approve the **Financial Expenses 2024 budget**. Unanimously approved.

## **Investment Committee**

Beverly Zimmermann recommended the changes the Investment Committee would like to make to Chapel investment funds:

- **General Fund**: less international exposure, move more funds to U.S. mutual funds.
- **Endowment Fund**: move to stronger income fund.

Privileged motion came out of Finance Committee: Randy Weismeir seconded motion to approve. Unanimously approved.

Becky also mentioned granting the Investment Committee a view-only access of investments in those accounts would allow them to make more informed decisions.

## **Committee Staff Reports**

No questions.

## **Weekly Prayer Meeting**

Meeting weekly on Wednesday, 4pm, at the Chapel Board Room. An amazing time: Pat's favorite time of the week. Pray for the church, the world, other churches. Highly encouraged other trustees to join the prayer sessions.

Pat mentioned we can't hear each other when corporate prayer

happens in the chapel.

Looking into starting a Prayer Room that would be open for one hour each day during the week.

## **Mark Newton Comments**

January 15, 2024 BOT meeting, Village A, 10am - 2pm. Will be provided lunch. Bring our BOT manual to the meetings. Will bring a devotion schedule: will have speakers throughout the year. Discuss Visionary Committee.

Thanked the outgoing members of 2023 BOT: Hugh Westberry, Lynda Bodelson, Danny Bellenger, Bob Hopper. Also thanked Bob Hopper for his outstanding leadership and always being available when Mark has questions.

David Apple closed us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned.

## **Addendum**

Mark Newton asked that the names of those on the Visionary Committee be added to the December 2023 minutes.

### **Members of the Visionary Committee**

- Ron Ceravolo
- Carl Lundstrom
- Susan Newton
- Charles Gordon
- Paula Sloan
- Wade Starling
- Liz Davis
- Susan Eanes
- David Apple
- Seals Burdell
- Devon Collins
- Fran Farias
- Pam Hopper
- Ted Sprague
- Danny Bellenger