

## Minnetonka UMC Servant Leadership Board (SLB)

### January 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

**Members Present:** Jeanine Alexander, Jason Anderson, Myron Carlson, Judy Fallat, Elizabeth Frye, Megan Krueger, Eric Lunde, Bill Lurth, Jen Mein, Dave Nuckols, Dennis Olsen, Bill Post, Patty Yeager

**Member Unavailable:** Jen Mein

**MUMC Member:** Deb Jance

Bill Post called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

**SPRC:** MUMC member Deb Jance has requested approval from the church to move forward in the process for ordination as a deacon. Deb shared her story with the board. Her focus is on Interfaith Chaplaincy in the Hospice Setting.

**Official SPRC Session:** Bill P. opened the session at 7:47 pm. A motion was made, seconded and duly passed to affirm Deb in her candidacy for ordination as a deacon and to hold a Charge Conference vote after Deb has completed one year of membership at MUMC. The official SPRC session adjourned at 8:00 pm.

**BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER WALK:** This was done tonight as part of the charge conference.

**LEADERSHIP STUDY:** Jeanine introduced, *Fish or Cut Bait*, the book for our first Leadership Study. She distributed a handout and talked through the key points from the Introduction and Chapter 1. Myron volunteered to lead the study of chapter 2 at our February meeting.

**LEADERSHIP FOCUS QUESTIONS:** Jeanine explained that one question will be discussed at each meeting. The purpose is to keep ourselves focused and accountable for achieving our mission. This meeting's question was #1: How have I/we been praying for people who need Jesus and the church? The question will be decided ahead of each meeting so members have time to ponder it. Megan volunteered to lead discussion of question 2 at our February meeting: What have I/we done in the past month to help someone grow in faith?

#### MINUTES

**Approval:** The minutes of the December 20, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

**Posting:** It was decided that minutes will be posted only on the SLB bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. They will also be available on request from the Church Office. Agendas will be posted on the church website and on the SLB bulletin board. Pastor Jeanine's weekly email will include a website link and mention the bulletin board. Agendas will include an "as of" date. The agenda may change after it has been posted. It was suggested that some communication be done to inform people how to become a recipient of the weekly email.

**Recording of Board Membership:** The December SLB minutes will routinely include the results of the Church Conference vote on new members for the next year's Servant Leadership Board. The January SLB minutes will include the roles decided on for each member.

#### FINANCE

**2016 Year-End Results:** Patty distributed the December 2016 Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, and Dedicated Accounts and briefly described some accounts. 2016 ended with a surplus just over \$60,000. Patty asked the board to think about what financial topics/areas they would like hear more about at future meetings. This will be discussed at the February meeting.

**Stewardship:** Jeanine reported on pledges to date: \$505,534.00 pledged from 185 pledges; 41% of the pledges are new or increased. The outlook for 2017 is positive. Tim and Jason indicated that no major expenses related to the building and grounds are foreseen. Jeanine will lead the Stewardship Team again.

**Additional Ministry Support Fund:** No requests have been made since the last meeting.

## TRUSTEES

**Connecting with Facilities Team (understanding roles and information from MCCI coach):** Item was skipped.

**Solar Grant Application:** Tim reported that Lisa LaMothe and Kelly Dunn want MUMC to re-apply for a solar energy grant before the Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> deadline. MUMC has applied previously but was not awarded a grant. The application fee was paid and rolls over to be used for a subsequent application if no grant is awarded. It was decided that Lisa and Kelly can go ahead with the application without board approval given that there is no additional cost to do so and no obligation to use it if we do receive an award. If an award is received, Jason and Tim will work with Kelly and Lisa to prepare and present a solar energy proposal to the board.

## LIAISONS

**Role of Liaisons:** This item was skipped.

**Updates & Action Requests:** Dennis: The February Celtic Service will move to a new location in Fellowship Hall.

## ACTION ITEMS

**Approve Guiding Principles:** The 12/20/16 version was unanimously approved. It was decided there would be no posting at this point. The document is available on request from the church office.

**January 29<sup>th</sup> Service:** Judy briefly explained the script recognizing outgoing members and new ministry roles.

## REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS

**Connecting People to Ministries:** Bill L., Megan and Judy reported on the progress of meetings with outgoing team members. Only a few meetings are yet to be done. More people than expected opted to meet and discuss new roles. The ministry roles selected so far are Adult Small Group Leader, MCCI Small Groups Focus Area team, Facilities team, Racial Justice team (tentative), Mission team, Leader of Quest for 4th-6th graders, Lay Chaplain, Office Volunteer.

**How financial decisions are made (individual teams and SLB):** This item was skipped.

## ADMINISTRATION

**SLB Covenant:** Copies of the signed, posted covenant were distributed.

**Mark Calendars for Jan. 29 both services:** A reminder that all SLB members are to attend both services. Jeanine will send an email reminder to all people on the outgoing teams.

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, February 6 at 6:45 pm.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items** (carried forward from this meeting)

- TRUSTEES: Connecting with Facilities Team (understanding roles and information from MCCI coach)
- LIAISONS: Role of liaisons
- REPORTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS: How financial decisions are made (individual teams and SLB)

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Minutes prepared by Judy Fallat