

Minutes for Blakemore UMC Leadership Board

Call to Order

A monthly meeting of the Blakemore UMC Leadership Board was held on April 11, 2016. It began at 6:40 p.m.

Attendees

Voting members in attendance included Ellen Zinkiewicz, Susan Slater, Zach Lalor, Cavit Cheshier, Carrie Friddell, Kristi Walker, Lisa Lewis, Deanna McCulley, and John Hill.

Other members in attendance included Ashley Kemper.

Action Items

Motion to update accounts as follows:

- Close the Money Market Account;
- Close the Reserve Savings Fund;
- Create Building Fund;
- Move \$15,000 from Reserved Saving Fund into the newly created Building Fund;
- Adjust balance of Frozen Assets Reserves Account: carry enough cash for next year at one-half prior year's expenses (currently \$5,000) and transfer the amount above reserves to the Operating Fund;
- Adjust balance of BASH Reserves Account: carry enough cash for next year at one-half prior year's expenses (currently \$1,000) and transfer the amount above reserves to the Operating Fund;
- Close the Raise the Roof Account and directly donate amount in that account to sponsor Norda in the upcoming Hike to Heal Event;
- Close the Double Nickel Account; put balance toward paying 2016 apportionments

Submitted by Zach Lalor; Moved by Lisa Lewis and seconded by Kristi Walker. The motions carried unanimously.

Agenda Items

Topics of discussion related to our values:

- Create a culture of transparency and open communication
 - Description and update regarding financial accounts and balances
 - Staffing Task Force to identify what our staffing should look like, directly reflecting our goals and needs as a congregation
- Revitalize adult Sunday School and small group meetings
 - Continued small groups using a new study on Joseph
 - Will be the topic for the next Saying Grace Pot Luck (May 22)
- Explore becoming a reconciling congregation
- Emphasize hospitality/welcoming/evangelism
 - Wednesday Night Game Night
 - Still looking for Point Person for this
- Provide more intentional teaching and training for our children
 - Debriefed Saying Grace

- Appointed Kevin Walker as new Children's Ministry Coordinator. Kevin has asked that the earmarked salary go toward Blakemore's apportionment responsibilities: he will receive no monetary compensation.

A Trustees Report was presented by Cavit Cheshier.

Announcements

Upcoming Leadership Retreat, scheduled for April 30 from 9-4 p.m. at East End UMC. This will be led by Kathleen Lalor. Her website includes more information: <http://www.kblalor.com>

Youth Trivia Night will take place April 16.

Men's Retreat is scheduled for April 22-24.

Safe Sanctuary Training is scheduled for April 27 (Wednesday Night Programming).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.