

# Minutes for Blakemore UMC Leadership Board

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## Call to Order

A monthly meeting of the Blakemore UMC Leadership Board was held on March 14, 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 transfer a grave plot that was given to the church to Frankie:** Moved by Cavit Cheshier and seconded by Lisa Lewis. The motion carried unanimously.

## Agenda Items

Topics of discussion related to our values:

- Create a culture of transparency and open communication
  - New financial management software update
- Revitalize adult Sunday School and small group meetings
  - Update on small groups studying *Hard to Dance with the Devil on your Back*
- Explore becoming a reconciling congregation
- Emphasize hospitality/welcoming/evangelism
- Provide more intentional teaching and training for our children
  - Topic of next Saying Grace Opportunity
  - Continuing Parent Meeting and discussion surrounding expectations of church behavior
  - Development of scope and sequence for all aspects of Christian Education at BUMC
  - A look at intention intergenerational relationships and how that fits what we do at BUMC
  - Discussion surrounding how to do church differently to meet the needs of our current children, the volunteers available, and the church as a whole

A Trustees Report was presented by Cavit Cheshier.

## Announcements

Easter Season schedule is online. Room at the Inn will take place on Easter Sunday.

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>

Upcoming WNL Events: April 6 is Game Night and Food Truck, with an intentional invitation for the Blakemore Childcare Center families and staff.

Next Saying Grace Potluck will be April 10 immediately following church. Topic will involve sharing new children's programming and expectations with the congregation.

Youth Trivia Night will take place April 16.

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

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.