

Minutes from **Leadership Board (LB)** meeting on Thursday March 21, 2024

**Present:** Pastor Jenny Arneson, Jack Malone, Patricia Harrington, Dee Heller, Christy Tubbs, Terry Twedell, Pat Flaherty, Marcia Flaherty, Frank Flynn, Pastor Claire Douglass, Lisa Wink, Pastor Brad Mather,

**Absent:** Mike Bandli, Cheri Hiller, Sarah Bolen,

- **Welcome** –Jack
  - **Consensus to** accept February minutes as submitted
  - **Devotions** – Dee –Isaiah 41 :10 and Psalm 112 :7 Devotion from Jesus Calling about Steadiness and not allowing everyday distractions and stimuli to make you lose your focus.
  - **Spiritual Formation-** Jenny  
1 Corinthians 11 :24-25 about the last supper. We shared the last table we were at with others and also unique tables we have joined. If we can appreciate all the tables in our lives and use them as Jesus did to invite and fellowship with others.
  - **Finance/Stewardship:** Lisa
    - Mortgage will be under 500k by June. We will make an extra payment in June if it is possible.
    - Current on mortgage and apportionments
    - Separate lines now to show revenue via pledges and non-pledge giving.
    - Under expected revenue by approx. \$8,000. Often Jan and Feb are like this so no need to panic.
    - Costs were higher due to a variety of factors. Internet now being fully covered by us (not the nursery as previously). Some extra IT costs with personnel changes, door work was done, custodial costs were up, downpayment for flooring in the pantry was paid.
    - On line attendance has not had a negative impact on giving.
  - **Trustees:** Brad
    - Roofing leaks – continue to be the biggest ongoing issue.
    - Greenspace—designer came in and presented a beautiful plan. Need to consider how to move forward ie in phases, start small and build, how to fund it.
  - **SPRC:** Pat
    - Children’s Ministry position is posted. Hope to do Interviews on April 3. Please encourage anyone you know that might be a good fit to apply. The posting will stay current until filled.
8. **Other:**
- **BEYOND OUR DOORS–** Jenny: Each week Jenny is highlighting an offering for next step ideas in the Thursday Newsletter.
    - SPAM
    - Community Schools
      - Cindy Jisa will be the participant for Patrick Marsh
      - Claire is partnering with Northside. The kids have provided 40 food bags on 2 occasions for children who are food insecure on weekends.

- Awaken Dane—Wi Council of Churches has a Lilly grant opportunity to connect representatives from several churches to meet to focus on ways to engage deeper in our communities. We would seek 4-6 people from SPUMC to participate. It would be a commitment of 3-5 hrs. per month for 9 months meeting monthly on Thursdays from 5-8pm. Jenny will complete the application for us.
- **Scholarships:** Are due on April 4.  
New Scholarship added this year Carrie Gray Memorial.  
Some applications are complete, some are in progress and Claire will send another reminder next week.
- **Closing prayer:** Dee

## **Prayer for General Conference 2024—**

God of Living Hope, as we move toward the days of gathering for General Conference in Charlotte, NC, pour out your Holy Spirit to bless the Delegates and Bishops in their preparation and bless all those involved in organizing and hosting this worldwide event. During the days of General Conference, may hearts and minds be open to your Spirit moving and to the possibilities for the future of The United Methodist Church. Guide each one making decisions to seek to understand one another with humility, gentleness and care. Keep us all mindful of doing no harm, doing good and staying in love with you. Then renew us as a worldwide church in our mission to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Amen.

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## **2024 Ministry Focus: Beyond Our Doors**

**Next meeting is** – May 23, 2024 6:30 pm

- **Opening devotions** and closing prayer: Terry
- **Minutes** – Cheri
- **Upcoming 2024 meetings:** June 27, 2024

Submitted by Dee Heller