

FUMC Church Council Meeting

Minutes

Monday, May 1 6:30 pm

Welcome, devotion, opening prayer **from Brian McLaren: What might happen if we understand the core Christian ethos as creative, constructive and forward-leaning—as an ‘organizing religion’ that challenges all institutions (including its own) to learn, grow and mature toward a deepening, enduring vision of reconciliation with God, self, neighbor, enemy and creation?**

**We welcomed Janeen, Rev Lee, Cindy, Shannon, Betty, John, Kathryn, Judy, Rick, Marlene, Matt
We missed Keith, Mary, Susan, Andrea, Kevin, Pepper, Joy, Ellen, Vicky, Barry, Mike**

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Apr 3 **No additions or corrections**
Prayer Concerns: Rev Leslie and Brian, Jed and Delores Pancoast

Committee Reports

**Finance, Rick Tessean will submit the minutes of the Finance meeting as his report in the future
Stewardship, Cindy Crawley will meet with Rev Leslie when she returns to begin the stewardship campaign
Missions and Social Concerns, Barry Wehrle’s Emergency Assistance Policy was introduced; we will discuss if/how to implement it at a future meeting.**

Discussion Items

- Discussion of Listening Meetings; **There have been very few people who have signed up for these meetings. It is hard to know if that is because most church attendees are satisfied, if they are just not interested in this kind of discussion, or reasons unknown to us. After the initial four meetings, we will send out the compiled responses and think about how to proceed—additional meetings? An email questionnaire? Other ideas?**
- Discussion of disaffiliation letter: **the disaffiliation letter was not sent out with the Easter letter, it came out the week after. Other than the hard copy that was delivered or mailed to our seniors who don't do online newsletters, it's just been in the weekly email.**

New Business

- Emergency Assistance Policy (attached to committee reports) **(discussion pending...)**

Our next meeting isn't until August, but Judy will ask if there are committee reports between now and then. And, if issues arise requiring the attention of Church Council, we can arrange a meeting (Zoom or in person).

Closing Benediction **Lee prayed us out.**

Next meetings: Aug 7, Sept 25, Nov 6 all at 6:30. The date for Charge Conference has not been set, and there will be a meeting to finalize and approve the church budget for 2024.