

Board of Director's First UCC Grand Marais Meeting 9/19/23

Attending: Tom Yuhasey, Kevin Le Voir, Francie Beaster, Steve Aldrich, Carol Winter, Jenny Delfs, Enno Limvere. Absent: Bruce Tyler

Call to order 5:07 pm

Opening conversations --reading of mission statement, sharing joys and concerns, this month's question and reading of communications agreement.

Urgent Business and Housekeeping:

1. August minutes were **approved** online and published in the Sept. Shining Light newsletter.
2. Proposed agenda **approved**.
3. Financial report--Kevin LeVoir--**approved**. Filed in office. Income at beginning of August: \$1271, by end: \$8062. Donations sent to Maui and Ukraine. Last two months were relatively lean, typical for this time of year. Bills being covered. \$9,000. in Bank. Neighbors in Need Offering Oct. 1. Details can be seen in the church office. Many thanks to Kevin for his awesome work!
4. Newsletter articles due September 25. Carol will do.
5. Date for October board meeting: October 17, 5 -- 7 p.m.
6. Pastor report--Enno Limvere-- Concerns were expressed by Pastor Enno that information about special events, important to the church, are not being communicated sufficiently to assure adequate participation. We need to find alternative ways of communicating. Announcements by someone good at promotions, a "sign-up genius" needed. People seem to respond when directly asked to do something.

Enno will be switching to a "narrative lectionary" which is walking through one gospel. In the fall there is more emphasis on the Old Testament and the Prophets.
7. Mutual Ministry Goals:
 - a. Potlucks at Delfs/Kern house very successful. Would like to plan a possible Chili-feed/contest or potluck at the church soon. Jenny will talk to the food committee.
 - b. Thanksgiving Dinner. Helen Carter will take calls for take-out. Jenny will announce in church a time for an organizational meeting.
 - c. Sunday announcements: Sept. 14 Bruce or Jenny, Oct. 1 Steve, Oct. 8 Carol, Oct.15 Jenny.

d. Nursery preparations. Is meeting all requirements. Just need okay from Fire Marshall and final meeting with lawyer.

e. Parsonage: deck repair party pending

f. Security System: Ordered today by Enno from Amazon. Results of walk through with deputy: suggested getting rid of lock box and handing out keys to people who need them. Only a suggestion. Cameras will be strategically placed outside and inside. Has capability of recording, but will not record when support groups are using the church. Will be installed next week.

g. Search for new custodian is continuing. Possibility of linking with custodian from Bethlehem Lutheran.

8. Committee Business:

a. Pastoral Relations--continues to meet

b. Finance Committee--always communicating

c. Stewardship--Getting organized

d. Children and Youth--Sunday School on hold. Presentation by youth of Washington D.C. trip well presented and received. Confirmation, one person interested. Looking for a mentor for them. Would need to meet once a month and attend church regularly.

e. Building and Grounds will meet next Thursday.

f. Outreach--WOW bikes being returned. Wood chips spread on rain garden.

g. Worship--need someone consistent to prepare for and clean up after communion. Organ needs repair of reverberation function. Quoted cost from Allen Organs \$1,500. Funds possible from pending Memorial donation.

h. Grievance Committee--not needed

Meeting adjourned 6:40 p.m.