

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Meeting of the Board of Stewards

Agenda – November 4, 2018

1. Call to OrderEmily Garner
2. Devotion and prayer.....Emily Garner
3. Roll Call..... Shawn Drummond
4. Minutes of the July 29 meeting..... Shawn Drummond
5. Finance.....Bill Munson
6. Stewardship.....Bo Blackwell
7. Staff-Parish Relations.....Don Dolan
8. Trustees.....Bealle Dawson
9. New Business.....
 - ~Trustees.....Bealle Dawson
 - Proposal: Security Team Procedures to be voted on (see attachment)

 - ~Nominations.....
 - The Nominations Team brings to the Board the names of those listed below
 - for approval to serve on the Music Team:
 - Rick Chastain, Kimberly McKeough, Mitch Johnston, Jack Rigsby
10. Ministry Reports ~ Children’s Ministry Overview.....Michelle Graham
 - ~ Q & A other ministry areas
11. Pastor’s Report.....Laura Parker

Dates for BOS Meetings

- ~ November 4 – regular meeting in CLC Fellowship Hall after 11 am worship services
- ~ November 27 – Charge Conference 6 pm in Sanctuary

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
BOARD OF STEWARDS

REGULAR MEETING
JULY 29, 2018

A regular meeting of the Board of Stewards of Fairhope United Methodist Church was held on July 29, 2018. (Secretary's Note: In my absence, these minutes were taken down by Chuck Huguley, to whom I am deeply grateful.) Emily Garner opened the meeting with a prayer at 12:15 PM.

PRESENT

Twenty-seven members were present, along with six staff members and five guests: Rebecca Bell, Bob Bond, Patt Branyon, Mary Finger, Jeremy Friedman, Brandi Fulford, Pat Gamble, Emily Garner, Chuck Huguley, Amanda Jacobs, Claire Kimbrough, Michele Manasco, David Mastrone, Mark Mathias, Bill Munson, Susan Munson, Christa Myrick, Steve Pearson, Wendy Pierce, Paula Rigsby, Brenda Robinson, Nicole Sansom, Kay Speir, Barbara Stewart, Pam Turner, Tom Tyler, Chuck Wilson, Ed Glaize, Michelle Graham, Laura Parker, Ann Pearson, Jamie Waldhour, Jeff White, T. D. Green, Chad Kirtland, Terri Myrick, Katie Robertson, and Mike White.

ABSENT

Twenty-five members were absent, along with three staff members: Bo Blackwell, Colby Cooper, Patricia Cooper, Bealle Dawson, Jane Dolan, Don Dolan, Anne Dorman, Shawn Drummond, Carrie French, Mary Hodgkins, Ginny Hollis, Helen Ingram, John Kimbrough, Gene Lammers, Evan Myrick, Johnny Northcutt, Ari Ojanpera, Amber Sparks, Wayne Walker, and Jennifer Myrick had excused absences. Davis Brock, Karen Burch, John Goldsberry, Diana Justis, Heather Middleton, Robbie Rux, Lisa Simon, and Rachael Waldhour were absent without excuse.

MINUTES

It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the May 20, 2018 meeting be approved as written. The motion passed without dissent.

INTRODUCTIONS
& ORIENTATION

Each person present introduced themselves, sharing the ministry team on which they served and how long they had been on the Board. Emily Garner then read from a statement on the Board's role and responsibilities (a copy is on file with these minutes). She emphasized the members' roles as spiritual leaders, and discussed the process by which we will make decisions.

FINANCE

Bill Munson reviewed the June financial statements, a copy of which is on file with these minutes. Revenues are well ahead of budget, for both the month of June and the year to date. The Finance Committee wants to make sure that the congregation understands that our substantial cash balance has been built up as a reserve for emergencies, and that the church may be facing large capital expenditures like a new roof in the near future. There was some discussion from the members as to whether the cash would be better used to pay down the mortgage, and whether we should rely more on help from the congregation in dealing with any financial emergency. The Committee is also looking into increasing the church's return from the banks on its cash deposits.

STAFF-PARISH RELATIONS

Don Dolan submitted a written report, which is on file with these minutes.

TRUSTEES

Bealle Dawson was unable to attend, but shared with Emily that things are going well with the Trustees. The Security Team has met and is working hard on developing procedures which will be reported at the September Board meeting. We hope to have completed the Columbarium in October.

STEWARDSHIP

Emily reported that the Stewardship Team is gearing up for this year's campaign in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Ed Glaize presented a pair of proposals from the Nominations Team, forming a security committee under the Trustees and establishing a music team to work with the director of music ministries. Copies of the proposals are on file with these minutes. Members of each proposed body will be chosen by the Nominations Committee. It was moved and seconded that both proposals be approved. The motion passed by consensus.

MINISTRY REPORTS

Jamie Waldhour reported on Recreation Ministries, emphasizing how our sports programs bring the participants as well as their families into contact with the church. Jamie and Jeff White spoke about the popularity of the pickleball program. There will be an informal community run on Thanksgiving Day.

Reporting on Adult Spiritual Growth, Laura Parker reviewed the many Bible studies being offered by the church, including the full 34-week Disciple I class. A parenting discussion

group will meet after Wednesday night supper the 2nd and 4th weeks of each month.

Mark Mathias of the Missions Committee spoke about the back-to-school uniform event which supplied over 350 uniforms to families in need. He thanked Dr. Robbie Rux for performing school physicals and thanked Chief Petties for the police department's support.

SENIOR
PASTOR

Ed Glaize reported on the staff worship retreat to plan for the coming year. Attendance has been flat or declining in some services, and worship leaders will be reaching out to the congregation to get a better understanding of why this is happening. Membership is up slightly, but growth has probably slowed since Rob Rodriguez left the staff. The Joshua team will be meeting to discuss practical steps to continue the Visioning process.

WRITTEN
REPORTS

Written reports were also submitted for the following areas: Annual Conference, Caring Ministries, Children's Ministries, Church Life, Missions, Music and Worship, Recreation Ministry, and Student Ministry. Copies of these reports are on file with these minutes.

ADJOURNMENT

After a closing prayer from Ed Glaize, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

T. Shawn Drummond
Recording Secretary

Board of Stewards
September – October 15, 2018
Caring Ministries
Dr. Ann Pearson

- New **Book Discussion** on Monday's "Choose Joy" by Kay Warren began in September and attendance has filled the Church Library each Monday for this weekly study.
- **Stephen Ministry** recruitment began in Sept. for Class of 2019. We are having a lot of interest for the new class. Stephen Ministry Informational Gathering for SM recruitment was held on October 14 in the welcome lobby. Applications due October 31
- The **Knit and Crochet** Outreach Ministry has made a significant impact in our community by hand making fiddle mitts for Shepherd's Place; baby blankets, booties and caps for FUMC Nursery Ministry; chemo caps for FUMC Tough Dogs Ministry; kitchen washcloths for FUMC Manna on Wheels (MOW) and lap robes for nursing home patients and for persons in our morning worship services. The lap robe ministry is providing individuals with a lap robe to keep them warm and comforted during the morning worship services. This program will began in October.
- **Young at Heart** is continuing with their ministry as new leadership has stepped up to lead this ministry of fellowship.
- **Monthly birthday celebrations** occurring each month.
- **Divorce Recovery Support Group** has formed for twice a month meetings.
- Bi-monthly and monthly support groups continue meeting: **Grief Healing and Recovery, Survivors of Suicide, Tough Dogs Cancer Support, Caregivers Support Group,**
- **Hurricane Preparedness:** Contact was made with persons living alone or vulnerable adults in our church who might need help during a storm or hurricane. This outreach of care was well received by our membership.
- Worked on plans for **Merry Methodist** (anyone 60 years and wiser) luncheon for Oct. 18. Merry Methodist fellowship luncheon was another great success. Guests enjoyed a delicious meal, 2 games of pie walk and a jazz trio musical entertainment.
- In October, **Prayer Partners** monthly meeting and continuation of the **Walking By Faith** group 3 days a week
- Attended Blue Family Camp.

Community Involvement

- Participating in Community Cancer Awareness Team sponsored by Thomas Hospital. Organized church volunteers to make pink bows for Breast Cancer Awareness month for the community.
- Tough Dogs Cancer Group painted encouraging rocks for Mitchell cancer patients.
- Attended Recreate Women's Conference in Birmingham.
- October 21 Blood Drive held in conjunction with Missions Day.

September – October 15 - Daily Schedule:

Hospital Visits: 71	Office Visits: 40	Support Groups: 45
Prayer Cards: 11	Home Visits: 14	Follow Up Contacts: 237
Stephen Ministry Supervision: 3		Nursing Home Visits: 16
Funerals: 4		

Board of Stewards Report for November 4, 2018
CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES (3 years - 6th grade)

Respectfully submitted by Michelle Graham

SINCE JULY 29, 2018

- Our SWIFT ministry for 5th & 6th graders completed its summer events at Hot Wheels for skating and my house for a cookout and pool party.
- The children's hallway in the Education Building has an updated look and new Bibles have been bought for Sunday School rooms.
- Three training sessions for children's Sunday School teachers were held.
- Promotion Sunday for children's Sunday School class had a total of 93 children. Bibles were given to our 3 year olds as they moved out of the nursery into 3 year old Sunday School class.
- Our annual Blessing of the Backpacks was well attended.
- A meeting was held to discuss a ministry for children with special needs.
- Our weekday preschool began classes for the new year. When preschool is in session, the preschool hallways are now locked. To gain access, you must see the receptionist at the welcome desk.
- A meeting was held to discuss Created by God and Wonderfully Made curriculums.
- Children read scripture, led the invocation and spoke about VBS during the worship service to celebrate our summer mission work. Bibles were presented to (35) 3rd graders from the congregation during the same service.
- MOPS meetings resumed on 2nd & 4th Mondays each month. Tina Wettermark and her nursery staff care for 35 children while the moms meet.
- Pier, Pier34 and SWIFT resumed on September 12. We average 75 children on Wednesday nights.
- Preschool Open House and Spaghetti Dinner was held on October 4. Number plates sold—198. Money raised for the Dottie Long Scholarship which helps families in need of tuition support during difficult times.
- Spoke to MOPS about the Jesse Tree Ornament Swap - an Advent tradition.

LOOKING AHEAD ...

- November 11 - Baby Recognition Sunday
- November 28 - Spanish Fort UMC puppet team performs for Pier, Pier34, SWIFT and the congregation.
- December 1 - Breakfast at the Manger
- December 5 - Mission night for Pier, Pier34 and SWIFT
- December 23 - Birthday Party for Jesus during Children's Church

STUDENT MINISTRY REPORT

October 2018

Student Ministry Weekly Programs:

Sunday Youth:

10:00-10:30 am Middle School (7-8 grade) & High School (9-12 grade)

6:00-7:45 pm Sunday Night Youth (7-12 grade)

Wednesday Youth:

C-Groups (Divided by grade): 6:30-7:30 pm

Confirmation 2019:

Sunday, February 3, 2019 @ 9:30 am

*Meets weekly until Confirmation Sunday, April 14 @ 6:00 pm

This year we are using Student Mentors as a new growth and discipleship opportunity with our confirmands.

High School Discovery Weekend 2019:

December 30-January 1, 2019

Our church will host the weekend in December for our high school students.

Location: Camp Sumatanga in Gallant, Alabama//Cost=\$175 per student

Middle School Meltdown Retreat 2019:

This year our 7-8 grade will return to the Meltdown Retreat at the Boardwalk Beach Resort in Panama City Beach, Florida on January 25-27, 2019. The early bird registration before Halloween is \$150.

** Submitted by Rachael Waldhour, Director of Student Ministries, Fairhope UMC