

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

January 16, 2025

Attendance: Christa Zaldivar, Rita Fasci, Jeanette Baker, Tim Krauss, Gerry Lee, Jackie Palance, Susan Powers, Don Workman, Rev. Ken Kieffer, Bill Thibodeau, Mary Rogers, Rev. Carol Bloom, Beth Provost

Opening Devotions – Rev. Carol Bloom

Short Prayer – Mary Rogers

Rev. Bloom began the meeting asking “What is the Good News?”

- 1) We are enjoying the different speakers who have come to our worship service
- 2) Pastor Cho of Asbury UMC joined our Senior Luncheon this week and we enjoyed hearing his stories of his many name changes. We hope to join Pastor Cho at his church for some of his church luncheons and get-togethers.

Organization of Board and Meetings

It was agreed that the Leadership Board meetings will take place on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Trustee Business

The election of Trustee Officers – Jackie Palance was nominated for Chairperson, vote was unanimous. Don Workman was nominated for Vice-Chairperson, vote was unanimous.

Jackie Palance discussed the status on the Parsonage. The outside water has been turned off. She is looking into putting a different lock on the door so that keys would not need to be distributed to those accessing the house. It was decided that some or all of our meetings will take place at the parsonage. Internet has been discontinued at the house, but may need to be available if meetings are held there, and possible security cameras installed.

The decision to rent or sell the parsonage will be made in July. The possibility of contacting IRIS Immigration Housing for refugees was discussed.

Don Workman passed out a summary of the UBS account (investments) and gave background information of the accounts. Mary Rogers will work with Don in dealings with UBS. Rev. Bloom asked if we had thought about changing to Frontier Foundation, used by the United Methodist Church. She suggested that we look into this firm. As UBS is no longer local, it has become more difficult to contact them.

Finance Business

Tim Krauss and Beth Provost were nominated for Co-Treasurers, vote was unanimous.

Tim distributed financial reports, budget and fund balance reports.

Tim will coordinate the Statistical Report due this month on January 31. Susan Powers will put together the membership data.

The schedule for completing the Audit needs to be set up, which was delayed in December.

A total of \$61,000 has been entered into Power Church for pledges for 2025 as of this date. It was decided that it was not necessary to vote on the budget again, as small changes had been made since the Annual Conference vote.

Council Business

Susan Powers was nominated as Chair of the Leadership Board. The vote was unanimous.

The phone system in the church needs to be updated. Beth Provost will get some information from Automated Business Systems before the next meeting.

The Board will be assigned 2 months during the year to provide refreshments during coffee hour.

Staff Parish

Rev. Bloom will present our request again to the District Superintendent for a half-time pastor.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2025.

Beth Provost