

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

May 15, 2025

Attendance: Mary Rogers, Bill Thibodeau, Jeanette Baker, Christa Zaldivar, Tim Krauss, Beth Provost, Jackie Palance, Gerry Lee and Rita Fasci. Absent: Pastor Carol Bloom and Don Workman

Opening Prayer was given by Christa Zaldivar

A motion was made to pass the March minutes, seconded by Jackie Palance; minutes were accepted.

What's The Good News?

Our new pastor is coming in July!

Mary Rogers discussed the Board Covenant that was discussed in March. It was reviewed by the Board, and no changes were made. The Board officially signed the Covenant as presented.

Ministry Plan Progress Reports were discussed-

Jeanette presented her report on statistics from Bristol. The three main concerns are mental health assistance, housing and food pantries.

A demographics report was presented by Jeanette and Tim. The average income in our area of Bristol was estimated to be about \$50,000, about half of the town-wide average income of \$104,000 for a single individual.

Beth Provost reported on the Assessment of Ministry. A list of our current ministries has been put together and they will be evaluated to see if any changes need to be made.

Under Trustees business, Jackie Palance updated the Board on Brian's Angels. She is still trying to set up a meeting with them to fulfill our meeting required quarterly and to discuss issues the church is having with them, and to discuss their contract. A meeting will hopefully be scheduled in the next week or so.

Don Workman provided a portfolio report showing the account status from January 1 – April 30, 2025.

Christa Zaldivar reported on the Safe Sanctuaries Policy which was received from Grace UMC. She reported that the first few pages outlined the actual policy and the remaining pages were explanations and forms needed to execute the policy.

Hand rails on the Altar steps were discussed. We discussed removing the front steps and only using the steps on either side of the altar. Hand rails need to be installed on the walls by the stairs. One or two carpenters will be contacted to look at this project. Beth and Gerry Lee will meet with the carpenter.

The telephone in the office is presently out of order. Beth Provost has tried numerous times to have Frontier come and fix it. We discussed running the phone through a computer program to eliminate phone lines. Our fire security company, Encore, can install the fire alarm system that works through satellite. We will get a quote on the cost of this installation.

Audit Update – Tim and Beth reported that the audit is moving along. More reports are being sent to our auditor Geof Fowler from Grace UMC.

The property maintenance spending authority policy was submitted by Don Workman. We discussed some wording changes in the report. Jerry Rivard will be the team leader, assisted by Bill Thibodeau. Changes will be made and Mary Rogers will send out copies to the Board.

Tim Krauss presented the Finance Report. An Income and Expense report through April was presented.

Mary Rogers discussed the meeting next Wednesday with Pastor Lee. A town hall meeting will be held June 1 after worship to inform the congregation of decisions made at this meeting. Future meetings will be held with church members as we continue this transition to a new pastor.

The next meeting is tentatively set for Thursday, June 12.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Provost