

PROSPECT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP BOARD MEETING

July 17, 2025

Attendance: Mary Rogers, Bill Thibodeau, Jeanette Baker, Tim Krauss, Beth Provost, Jackie Palance, Gerry Lee, Don Workman, Pastor Lee

Opening Prayer was given by Jeanette Baker.

A motion was made to pass the June minutes by Don Workman, seconded by Tim Krauss; minutes were accepted.

What's The Good News?

Pastor Lee has joined us!

The Safe Sanctuaries Policy received from Grace UMC was updated to reflect Prospect UMC. A motion to approve the policy was made by Jackie Palance, seconded by Gerry Lee and approved with the stipulation that an addendum be added from the previous policy to address steps to be taken if a sex offender is identified within the church.

Mary Rogers and Gerry Lee reported on the ongoing project of the altar handrails. They met with a builder and discussed handrails near the side steps and on the center altar stairs. He will draw up some ideas and prices.

Beth Provost contacted Clean Club about cleaning carpeting in the church building. Rooms to be cleaned include the two offices, the library carpeting, the nursery and the parlor. Their price was \$750. Beth will contact them and set up a time for the cleaning.

Don Workman discussed our investments, stating everything was moving along well. He recommends that we leave things the way they are, rather than investigate changing companies. He would like to set up a meeting with UBS to review our account. Mary Rogers stated she would join him.

Jackie Palance reported that Brian's Angels had signed a new contract for next year, with a monthly cost of \$1,300. A schedule for quarterly meetings will be set up, with the first meeting set for October. Pastor Lee, Mary and Jackie will attend the meeting. Jackie reported that several bags of clothing have been removed from their storage space and brought to Asbury UMC's clothing bin.

Jackie Palance reported on the Lally Column supports in the basement of the church. Jerry Rivard will meet with a structural engineer to assess the columns.

A new contract has been signed with Nick, our food truck tenant. The contract will run from July 1 – September 30. Nick may be leaving in late fall to hopefully open a restaurant in the area. His contract will be month to month after September.

Jackie reported that Emmanuel Lutheran Church is interested in renting our parsonage for a new pastor for their church. They are presently waiting to hear if the pastor has accepted the position. Emmanuel indicated that they would take care of any updating necessary at the house (i.e., painting, etc.)

Tim Krauss reported on finance – there has not been much progress in the audit. We need to contact Geoff at Grace UMC to set up another meeting. Tim reviewed the expenses and income reports. He explained how money received from the Roberts Foundation were spent.

Tim reported that we need to discuss the procedure for paying Pastor Lee our one-quarter share of his salary and pay for his benefits directly to the conference or reimburse Asbury after they paid the entire amount. It seems this is the way the conference prefers payment.

Tim discussed the low interest rate on our Money Market account and needs to look into a more favorable account.

Pastor Lee thanked everyone for the dinner held to welcome him. He is getting to know our members and the community. He will begin holding office hours at Panara Bread in September, on Wednesdays from 2-4 for both Prospect and Asbury UMCs. The first gathering will be on September 10.

Pastor Lee will be leading a discussion on our vision with the Board in September, to reach out to our community to see where needs are that we can be of assistance. He encourages anyone with ideas to discuss them with him.

Pastor Lee will be away on two Sundays in August, the 10th and 17. Bill King and Tim Krauss will fill in these two Sundays.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18.

Respectfully Submitted,
Beth Provost