

PUMC LEADERSHIP BOARD
FEBRUARY 2026 Minutes

Attendance: Jeanette Baker, Jackie Palance, Beth Provost, Mary Rogers, Christa Zaldivar, Jerry Rivard, Rita Fasci, Laura Taylor, Pastor Lee, Wendy Carros

Guest: Susan Powers

Centering/Opening Prayer –Mary 7:00-7:03 -Upper Room January 22, 2026, Mathew 5 verses 14-16

Review of minutes from January 2026 meeting – 7:03-7:07 – Minutes accepted with correction as noted below by Rita Fasci, Seconded by Jerry Rivard.

Correction: Laura Taylor reports on fundraiser she would like to do to raise money for the Heifer Project, she will hold 2 cookie decoration classes in February (Valentine's Day) and March (St. Patrick's Day), charging \$15 per person, Up to ten people will be able to participate in each class.

Leadership Board – Mary Rogers 7:07-7:15

Training – SPRC- Reviewed the information in the binder handed out to each member. Job descriptions were updated in November of 2025, so they are up to date. Our overall goal is for all of us to be a well versed as we possibly can.

Finance – 7:15-7:25 - Tim was absent and will send an email with updates this coming week.

Audit – Tim

2024 Update

2025 Plan

Request for Fund Raiser from Scholarship Committee:

Heidi would like to raise funds for the Scholarship committee by holding a bake less fundraiser and a collection of bottles and cans. Motion to accept this request was brought forward by Beth Provost and Seconded by Jackie Palance.

Trustees 7:25-7:40 - Jackie

Confirmation of Treasurer- Jackie made a motion to keep Don Workman as Treasurer- Seconded by Jerry Rivard

Building Issues –

- Water Heater – The new water heater was installed and is working great.
- Mopping Floors- due to the inclement weather the floors look as though we do not have them cleaned enough, due to the traffic from Church and Bristol Brass and Wind, Jackie will review the contract we have in place and also speak with the company providing the service.
- Other- There was a leak on the roof in Brians Angels room from the amount of snow on the flat roof. Jackie tried to contact our contractor and received no response so called DJ Hall who arrived the same day and cleared the back roof above Brian's angels and the music room roof, the cost is ~\$2,500.00, once we receive the bill we can decide how to make the payment.

- Jackie received a request from someone requesting to rent our kitchen to cook food for a private party on May 30th. They need to cook the food at the church and bring it elsewhere. The committee declined the request as we do not have a license for the kitchen to provide such a service, so it is in the best interest of the Church to not allow the use of the kitchen at this time.
- Insurance for Pianos'- Heidi mentioned that the only insurance policy she was able to locate was for an old Steinway that we had, which we no longer have, she is asking if we have an updated policy for the Grand Piano and The Organ. Beth will check with Carol Rivard she believes she would know where the newest policy might be.

Pastor's Time 7:40-8:00

- Ash Wednesday service was well attended and a wonderful service.
- Starting January 25th, we hold 6 Wednesday services 10:00 AM at PUMC and 5:00 PM at Asbury. The Asbury service will be followed by Soup and Sandwiches, and will have discussions on Homeless Prevention.
- Panera Bread Ministry will start again on March 3rd from 2:00-4:00

Discussion of Vision:

Laura has done some research and brought in 3 pages of suggestions- she will make copies and share with the group next meeting. One of the churches had a check list of what to wear, what time services are, who can attend, how to take part in church, etc.

Jeanette also had examples from Minnesota, New Mexico and Lake Grove NY- some information was short and to the point, nicely presented.

Mary had read some conference-level statements, also Avon, Bethal and Newtown.

- **Other**- Our Guest Susan Power reported on the Heifer Project. Susan attended the Cooperative Parish Outreach meeting representing PUMC. We will be taking part in collectively raising money for the Heifer Project with a goal of raising a minimum of \$5,000.00. Parishes take part individually and each Church will report on how much they raised. PUMC has already started raising funds with the Cookie decorating class and Soup fundraiser. Incoming donations for the Heifer project will be earmarked as such.
Susan will present videos of the project and will present at the children's message time.
The Ark symbol represents 2 of every animal Heifer can provide to a family, these animals can foster business opportunities for these families.
13 years ago PUMC had taken a bus trip to Heifer Farm in Mass.

Closing of Meeting 8:00-8:05

Communication Plan: Susan and Christa will present the Heifer Project this Sunday during service.

Next Meeting –April 16

Closing Prayer – Pastor Lee