

FAIRHOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
BOARD OF STEWARDS

REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 30, 2020

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A regular meeting of the Board of Stewards of Fairhope United Methodist Church was held on June 30, 2020, on the Zoom app. Gene Lammers opened the meeting with a devotional at 6:00 PM.

- PRESENT** Twenty-two members were present, along with eight staff members and three guests: Ed Colvin, Bealle Dawson, Jane Dolan, Shawn Drummond, Doug Garner, Emily Garner, Shannon Hesse, Mary Hodgkins, Chuck Huguley, Linda James, Fred Jordan, Diana Justis, Jack Justis, Chad Kirtland, Susan Koenig, Gene Lammers, Michele Manasco, Mark Mathias, Christa Myrick, Johnny Northcutt, Ari Ojanpera, Alicia Searcy, Michelle Graham, Darren McClellan, Jennifer Myrick, Laura Parker, Ann Pearson, Jamie Waldhour, Rachael Waldhour, Jeff White, William Autrey, Martha Monckton, and Linda Smith.
- ABSENT** Thirty-three members were absent, along with two staff members: Bill Munson had an excused absence. Agee Adams, Rebecca Bell, Patt Branyon, Davis Brock, Michael Casallo, Rebekah Chambless, Colby Cooper, Anne Dorman, Mary Finger, Jeremy Friedman, Brandi Fulford, Wanda Harris, Ginny Hollis, Ann Jones, Claire Kimbrough, Scott Koser, Mary Helen Marks, Heather Middleton, Terri Myrick, Steve Pearson, Wendy Pierce, Katie Robertson, Brenda Robinson, Amy Smith, Leah Sowell, Steve Sowell, Amber Sparks, Kay Speir, Lee Turner, Pam Turner, Tom Tyler, Natalie Woodrow, Ontonio Christie, and Tom Hood were absent without excuse.
- MINUTES** The minutes of the June 9, 2020 meeting were approved online prior to this meeting.
- NOMINATIONS** Darren McClellan reported that the Committee had found people to fill three remaining leadership positions. Linda James will serve as Secretary of the Board, Chuck Huguley will serve on the SPR Committee, and Brune Stewart will serve on the Trustees. Gene Lammers asked if there were any objections to approving the new nominations by acclamation and, hearing none, deemed the nominations approved.
- FINANCE** Jeff White reported on the May financial statements. So far this year giving is \$73,000 below budget, but expenses are \$120,000

below budget. With the \$200,000 the church received from the Payroll Protection Program, we are in a good cash position. There is some concern about giving from non-pledged givers, which is down in the March to May period by \$94,000 compared to the same period last year.

#### REOPENING READINESS

Chuck Huguley reviewed the three-phase plan for reopening the church that his team has developed. A copy of the plan is on file with these minutes. He stressed that the plan is fluid and the dates will have to adjust to changing circumstances. Gene Lammers spoke about how rapidly the Covid statistics have worsened. Darren McClellan discussed what other churches in the area are experiencing, and said that the metric he planned to use in moving forward with reopening was for the Covid numbers to be stable or declining for two weeks. There was a discussion of the plan among the Board members.

Chuck asked the Board to approve the framework laid out in the plan, with the timing to be determined in response to the Covid situation. In response to a question, Gene clarified that the motion was to approve the framework, and to authorize Darren's team and the Reopening Team to implement the plan and decide on the timing of each step. The motion passed by a clear majority of raised hands.

#### PASTORS' REPORTS

Laura Parker spoke briefly about the status of small-group meetings at the church. Darren expressed his desire for some sort of send-off for graduating Seniors, and invited input on how he could best communicate the status of the reopening plans to the larger congregation.

#### ADJOURNMENT

After a closing prayer from Emily Garner, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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T. Shawn Drummond  
Recording Secretary