

## MINUTES OF GRACE UNITED METHODIST

### CHURCH GOVERNING COUNCIL

**MEETING DATE:** Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Grace UMC Fellowship Hall

**Attendance:** April Shaffer, Chad Burkhart, Geno Sharp, Carolyn Scheible, Mick Machen, Pastor Jason Fry, Dennis DeReese, Nick Cecava, and Sonya Durrwachter

**Absent:** Nick Black, Judy Macek, Robin Orchard, and Kelly Whatley

#### AGENDA ITEM 1:

On Tuesday, September 18, 2018, the Grace UMC Governing Council began its meeting at 6:05 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Jason Fry opened the meeting with prayer.

#### AGENDA ITEM 2:

Pastor Jason discussed the evaluation process and that it is a way to have a conversation between the Council and the Pastor in evaluating his leadership, performance and ministry. Every church in the conference is doing this. The findings will be sent to the District by October 1, 2018.

The Council then went into **Executive Session: CLOSED**

At 7:11 p.m. we stopped and repeated the Breakthrough Prayer.

#### AGENDA ITEM 3:

The next order of business was to discuss the findings of the Parsonage Task Force:

The Task Force met on September 11, 2018 at Jim Dunmyer's home to make recommendations for the future of the parsonage.

The Task Force found a sizeable amount of repairs needed to be done on the parsonage. Some are immediate; others are not.

The options needing to be developed are:

1. Consider selling the parsonage and purchasing a new parsonage
2. Hang on to the parsonage and do the repairs
3. Eliminate providing the pastor and his family with a parsonage and just provide a housing allowance

The Task Force will bring their findings to the October meeting.

The challenges will be:

Timing of the market, but regardless, funding will be needed for any of the three options above.

If we need to borrow money, Texas Methodist Foundation would be an option for a loan.

If a new parsonage is purchased, it would have to be a four bedroom/ two bath home and be within 6 miles of the church.

To flip it, we would need to list for between \$150,000 to \$179,000.

Whether a new parsonage is purchased or the current one repaired, money will need to be set aside for maintaining it.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: Saturday, October 20, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Fellowship Hall at the church.**