

**MINUTES OF GRACE UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCH GOVERNING COUNCIL**

**Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church in the Youth Cave.**

**MEMBERS:** April Shaffer, Pastor Mark Porterfield, Nick Cecava, Nick Black, Carolyn Scheible, Geno Sharp, Chad Burkhart, Judy Macek and Susan Cornett

**ABSENT:** Chris Williams, Ted Van Blarcum , Tara Perry and Dennis DeReese

**Opening Prayer:** Pastor Mark Porterfield opened with prayer at 6:39 p.m. We then read our Mission Statement.

**Consent Agenda Items:** Nick Cecava asked for any questions on the Consent Agenda Items.

- **Financials:** On the Profit & Loss report, we are at 62% of our giving.
- **New Job Description for Adult and Family Ministries Coordinator:** The position was budgeted at \$42,000 which is half of what Pastor Rebekah earned. There is a full-time possibility. Salary will include pension but no medical. Pastor Mark will post an ad for the position.
- **A report from Mark with various items:** It was reported that \$76,000 was the total usage of PPP and all of that amount has been used. It will most likely be 100% forgiven. Any change would be to designate it to the reserve funds. Pastor Mark reported that Covid has not changed our giving.
- **Minutes from our last meeting:** Minutes from the July 27, 2020 meeting were submitted to Governing Council.

**Chad Burkhart moved we approve all Consent Agenda Items. Susan Cornett seconded. Motion passed.**

Nick Cecava thanked Pastor Mark for preparing the Adult and Family Ministry Coordinator job description.

**REMINDER/DISCUSSION:**

- **Governing not Managing Reminder:**

- **Mission Possible: Kay Kotan**

Pastor Mark held discussion on the change to the simplified structure of Governing Council. We need to be patient with ourselves and each other but hold each other accountable. It will be a long process and take a few years to get the process going. We need to ask the question “Is there a blessing in what we’ve done?” Yet, it is important we respect different ideas and viewpoints.

### **The coming split of the UMC:**

- **Governing Council Leadership – Follow up to last meeting**

Pastor Mark gave a power point presentation on the upcoming UMC split. Council needs to be able to speak about the issues. Pastor Mark will e-mail information to council. General Conference is August 29, 2021. After Easter and in May of 2021, Pastor Mark will preach and possibly do town halls on the upcoming split. He shared that daily and updated texts are available online regarding the issue. There was discussion on keeping the status quo and proposals to start the conversation. There was a question as to whether we would even have to focus on this until after it happens. Pastor Mark would need to educate us on the history and what is on the agenda regarding this issue. The issues are bigger than just a vote and should be based on scripture. Discussion was had on which options would be best on how to present the issue.

### **For Consideration:**

- **Proposal for addition to Guiding Principles related to undesignated funds. Pastor Mark moved to approve that “BP 1.2.7 Undesignated Funds” be added to Guiding Principles. Susan Cornett suggested that the definition be reworded. After the definition was reworded, Nick Black seconded.**

**There were only nine (9) members present. Ten (10) members or seventy-five percent (75%) of council is needed to pass the motion. Since there was not 75% of council in attendance to vote, the Motion will be submitted in an e-mail. When the 10<sup>th</sup> vote is received, motion will pass.**

- **Clergy Assessment:** Council went over answers and shared comments about Pastor Mark’s pastoral qualities.

**Closing Prayer & Adjourn:** The meeting was closed with prayer and adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

**Proposed Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 6:30 pm. In the Youth Cave.

Respectfully submitted,

*April Shaffer*

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Recording Secretary