

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH GOVERNING COUNCIL

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Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 9, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

Meeting Location: Grace UMC Youth Cave

Members Present: Lisa Boggs, Chad Burkhart, Nick Cecava, Mark Porterfield, Carolyn Scheible, Mia Taylor, Ted Van Blarcum, Jon Whatley, Chris Williams

Recording Secretary Present: Kathy Borhauer

Members Absent: Nick Black, Susan Cornett, Tara Perry

Opening Prayer: Chris Williams opened with prayer at 6:35 p.m.

How we operate:

- Pastor Mark welcomed new members and invited everyone to read and sign the Governing Council Covenant,
- Pastor Mark summarized the GC Operating Guidelines
- Mission Principles – We discussed Grace UMC Mission Statement and the need for GC members to be able to communicate our mission statement and what it means to people in the church we connect with. We also discussed our on-going challenge to reach out to new people outside our congregation and how we can do this besides through various mission opportunities we currently support

Long-Term Financial Plan – “Are we OK?”:

- Referencing Advance packet information, Pastor Mark summarized some of the positives of our overall financial situation. Discussion ensued related to one Advance Packet item “Facilities Maintenance Plan” and the need to ‘hone it’ and then ‘own it’ in order to answer the congregational question “Are we ok?”
- Referencing the previous meetings discussion of a raise for the Sr. Pastor’s salary, discussion ensued about how to support staff and Sr. Pastor financially, given our lack of income increase over the past years.

Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Chad Burkhart and seconded by Lisa Boggs. Motion was approved.

Mission Possible: Continues moving forward

Joys and Concerns: We shared various requests for prayers.

Closing prayer & Adjournment: Meeting was closed in prayer by Carolyn Scheible and meeting was adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Proposed next meeting: Tuesday, April 13th, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m

Respectfully submitted,

KJB

Kathy Borhauer/KJB

Recording Secretary

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