

## **Asbury Methodist Church Council Meeting**

DECEMBER 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chair Javier Ornelas at 6:00 pm. Javi then led us in prayer.

Those present were Don Moerbe, Valerie Caldwell, Leti Ornelas, Javi Ornelas, Chris Roser, Cheryl Villanueva, Bill Morris, and Jim Mailhes for the board. Carol Loeb was present as a member of the congregation and acting secretary.

When Javi called for additions or corrections to the previous meetings minutes, there was one correction. Don Moerbe was in attendance but was not on the list of those attending. The minutes were corrected and approved as corrected.

### **Congregational Celebrations:**

The music specials we have had in worship during December have been awesome. We also celebrated that we have had a full congregation.

### **Financial Report:**

Bill Morris reported that there had been no comments from the congregation on the 2024 proposed budget, so it was time for the board to either approve or disapprove it. Jim Mailhes moved that the 2024 budget be approved, Cheryl Villanueva second. It was unanimously approved. Staff will be notified of their budgeted amounts for their ministries.

There was a discussion on our new apportionments to the GMC which we will need to start contributing to starting in January. It was noted that we were paying 10% to the UMC, but will only be paying 3 ½ % to the GMC.

Bill also asked that if anyone has needs for a new ministry, please contact Javi so the board can know and provide support for it.

### **Trustees Report:**

Jim Mailhes reported that the elevator shaft alarms were working in the elevator now. The phone has not been fixed. They are waiting on Travis Cochrane.

Jim also announced that there is a new, used fridge in the Kitchen. That works well.

Office flooring for the front office has not been purchased yet. They are still working on it.

Scouting was the next ministry that was brought to the board. Jim said since we are now GMC, we need to sign a new Indemnity agreement with the Scouts. Bill Morris offered to help Jim with the document.

Discussion was then had on the children's safety program that the GMC is offering. It is called Ministry Safe. The web site for this program is <https://ministrysafe.com/onlinetrainings/>. This is a program similar to the one that the UMC had, but it is shorter and it can all be taken on line. Valerie said she had looked at it and was very impressed. Valerie moved and Jim seconded that Asbury require anyone working with children and youth be required to take the Ministry Safe program. It passed the board unanimously. It was noted that John needs to be updated on the program. The board will get monthly updates on who is signing up and can therefore work with children and youth.

### **SPRC Report:**

Valerie reported that it was time to do staff evaluations. Therefore, the board went into closed session and those not on the board were excused.

The board came back into total session after their staff work. They voted to adjourn at 7:35.