

Germantown United Methodist Church
CHURCH BOARD
February 22, 2016

Chairman Henry Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 37 clergy, staff, and church members were present.

Lisa Pierce gave a report on Children's Ministry and opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting were approved as amended.

OLD BUSINESS:

Year End Reports:

Endowment: Frank Davis reported that we ended 2015 with \$1,299,490 in the fund, which is -3.40% from last year, because of the current stock market. There was \$60,300 available to spend in 2015, and \$59,873 was granted in 12 grants. The maximum funds available for grants in 2016 is \$64,200, and \$15,000 has been awarded in 4 grants so far this year.

Trustees: Peggy Warner reported that the annual budget for trustees is \$519,000 to cover utilities, insurance, maintenance contracts, security, cleaning and maintenance supplies, building repairs, etc. In 2015, there were 5 big-tickets items: HVAC, security cameras, GUMP floors, GUMP extra fire protection, and McVay roof. They came in under budget, partly because of lower utility bills. So far this year, outside pipes have been replaced at McVay, and some HVAC units will be replaced in the Hamilton Center, part of a 5-year plan to replace old units. Also, more church members are stepping up to help maintain and improve the property, both inside and out, which is saving the church money.

Preacher/scholar speaker series: Mary Groh reported that Rev. Michael Williams will be speaking at our church, in various formats, April 15-17. A dinner will be in the fellowship hall on April 15, followed by *Everybody has a Story* from 7-8:30 p.m. On the 16th, *Living between 2 Stories* will be offered from 8:30-10:30 a.m., and a workshop for area ministers will be in the afternoon. On the 17th, his sermon topic will be *Do you Know me, Do you Love me?* This is the kick-off to what hopefully will become a yearly spiritual emphasis, called Faith Seeking Understanding. This year it is funded by the endowment.

NEW BUSINESS:

Apportionment strategy: Richard discussed the need for our church to adopt a plan to pay 100% of our apportionments. For 2016 we had budgeted to pay 79% of the requested \$506,756, so we are currently \$103,000 short of what we need to pay 100%. \$20,000 of new commitments have been designated for apportionments, so our shortfall is actually now \$83,000. We plan to assign any amount received over \$30,000 for Easter and Christmas special offerings and some of the Communion offerings to apportioned items (i.e. Black College Fund). The staff will also look at the possibility of cutting programming to come up with extra money. \$33,000 had been budgeted to be added to the contingency fund to move toward our goal of 10% of our defined budget. The Pastor's Council brought a recommendation that these funds (\$33,000) be available for apportionments at the end of this year only, if needed. **The recommendation passed.**

Finance committee: In Ginny Szalay's absence, Henry Evans discussed the allocation of any year-end surplus. In keeping with the goal of paying 100% of our apportionments, the Finance Committee resolved that the surplus should be allocated first to pay apportionments up to the 100% level with any additional surplus added to the contingency fund. Laura Solomon made a motion that the Board approve the Finance Committee's resolution; Frank Davis seconded the motion. **The motion passed.**

Senior Pastor's report: Richard Smith discussed the schedule for Bishop Joe Pannel's visit February 27 & 28 and asked the Board to be in prayer for delegates to General Conference. He also announced that he would suggest an article for Board members to read and note in terms of how it applies to the present and future of GUMC. The first article is *3 Things That are Sabotaging the Church's Future* by Rev. Carey Nieuwhof.

ADJOURNMENT: Brad Gabriel closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Church Board meeting dates in 2016—please mark your calendars!

April 25

May 23

August 22

September 26

November 28

All meeting times are 6:30 p.m.

Church Office holidays in 2016

May 30

July 4

September 5

November 24 & 25

December 23 & 26

December 30 and January 2, 2017

Communication & Publication deadlines

Ministry Events & Sunday Bulletin—no later than Wednesday by Noon

The Tidings—no later than the 10th of each month by Noon

Church Meeting Nights

Second Monday of each month, 6-9 p.m., childcare available