

Germantown United Methodist Church
CHURCH BOARD
April 25, 2016

Chairman Henry Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. 40 clergy, staff, and church members were present.

Ed Clark gave a report on Missions at GUMC and opened the meeting with prayer. The minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Finance: Ginny Szalay presented a written financial summary that showed our YTD income is \$79,677.00 under budget, but expenses were \$63,424.00 under budget so, ultimately our YTD income is \$16,253.00 under expenses.

Endowment: Frank Davis reported that we have our first designated fund within the Endowment—the Edwin’s Way fund with a value of \$21,000. This money will be used for concerts, speakers, educational programs, and other programs that the Edwin’s Way committee (members of the Trinity class) approve. This fund does not come under Endowment restrictions.

Trustees: Peggy Warner reported that they are working on bringing the HVAC in good working condition by replacing the chiller for the Hamilton Center. Because there was flooding in the Alpha and Confirmation classrooms, new carpet, paint, molding and tile floor has been installed by José. He has also poured cement and put a new drain on the outside of the building to prevent future flooding. Several groups have stepped up to handle maintenance or capital issues: Wednesday Morning Prayer Group; Emmaus, Horizon, Seekers, Asbury, Celebration, and Preston classes; and Chancel Choir. 60 people participated in the GUMC Work Day on March 19.

Staff Parish: Sharon Cornelius reported that Ryan Boatright will be leaving our church to serve as the senior pastor at First UMC in Savannah, Tennessee. Rev. Erin Beasley, currently at Heartsong UMC, will be taking his place at Germantown.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT: Richard Smith discussed the major issues to be covered at General Conference 2016: the sexuality debate; the issue of term limits of bishops; the question of guaranteed appointments; visioning for the “four areas of focus of the UMC”; global apportionments; clergy ordination matters; new hymnal; and the 2017-2020 budget recommendation. He also discussed the Centenary-GUMC urban ministry outreach partnership and the New Bethel Missionary Baptist and GUMC cross-racial connection.

Lisa Pierce and Sue Hyland reported that the Asbury class visited Kids’ Quest and Element, and other classes have expressed interested in visiting both ministries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Henry Evans thanked Ryan Boatright for his service to our church.

NEW BUSINESS: Henry Evans announced that the minutes of the Church Board meetings will be posted on the church website.

Tiffany Griffin reported that, because of the one for all program, the Oasis youth lounge has been transformed into more of a multi-purpose room. Patrick Peavy has resigned as the assistant recreation director, and Todd Hinton has been hired as the youth sports director.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

Election of Annual Conference Delegates: Richard Smith, representing District Superintendent, Dr. Cynthia Davis, called the Board into Charge Conference to elect twelve lay persons to be delegates and alternates to Annual Conference. They are Dinah Allison, Rosiland Ashworth, Melody Chipley, Nancy Cofield, John Gregory (at large), Tina Gregory (alternate), Howard Johnson, Jan Johnson, Ed Roberson, Barbara Schanson, Conrad

Schanson, and Trish Stephenson. **All were accepted.** Richard closed with prayer, and the Charge Conference adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

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