

**Germantown United Methodist Church
CHURCH BOARD
May 23, 2016**

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

Sue Hyland reported on youth ministry, highlighting summer activities, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting were approved as written.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

Staff Parish: Sharon Cornelius introduced new associate pastor, Erin Beasley, who gave a brief bio of herself.

Finance: Ginny Szalay presented a written financial summary that showed our YTD income is \$76,387.00 under budget, but expenses were \$59,528.00 under budget so, ultimately our YTD income is \$16,859.00 under expenses.

The Committee has been studying the convenience fees the church is incurring because of credit card payments made online by the congregation--\$12,500 in 2015. The Committee made a motion: *All non-pledge charges will be charged a convenience fee (currently 2.8%) beginning 7/1/16. All pledge payments will be charged the same convenience fee beginning 1/1/17.* In discussion it was noted that in addition to credit card, payment may be made by cash, check, auto draft, online pay, or stocks. Sharon Panis is available to help anyone who needs assistance. **The motion passed.**

SEMI-ANNUAL PRESCHOOL REPORT:

Brad Gabriel reported that GUMP has made great strides toward balancing its budget. A projected deficit of \$35,000-\$50,000 from the reserve fund for the 2015-2016 year was only \$9,011. The 2016-2017 budget will be balanced. Additional changes in programming include Before School Program, After School Program, and GRACE, a special needs class.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT: In Richard's absence Brad Gabriel spoke about the recent General Conference. The Council of Bishops was charged with developing a complete examination and possible revision of every paragraph in the Book of Discipline regarding human sexuality. For more information on the conference go to: www.umc.org/news-and-media/weekly-digest. Brad and Richard will lead a 3-night session on General Conference June 14-16 beginning at 6:30 and will cover different topics.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: A new restaurant, owned by the owners of Flight, will be moving into the old Elfo's location, and Brad has met with them to exchange ideas about parking. A Sunday brunch starting at 9:45 will be offered, and the restaurant is hoping that churchgoers parking in its spaces intend to stay for brunch. Church members will be asked to respect their parking, as we expect them to respect ours.

ADJOURNMENT: John Gregory wished Ryan Boatright well, and thanked him for his service. The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. The next meeting will be Monday, August 22, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mike Wilson Fellowship Hall.

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

August 22

September 26

November 28

All meeting times are 6:30 p.m.

Church Office holidays in 2016

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