

Bothell United Methodist Church

Governing Board Meeting

April 25 2017

Prior to getting into the meeting, we had a brief charge conference presided over by Floyd Green. A motion was passed whereby \$6000 was moved from Pastor DJ's cash line to his housing allowance. A motion was passed whereby an adjustment was made of \$500 to accurately reflect the commitment made by Bothell UMC to Pastor Sarah, and whereby \$4000 was moved from Pastor Sarah's cash line to her housing allowance.

Following the short charge conference, Pastor DJ led us in devotions.

Pastor Sarah handed out newsletters detailing what is happening with the second site. She is meeting with, and making connections with, people who reside in the Greenwood/Phinney area of North Seattle. A location has not been selected. As it gets closer to the time when the site is established, Pastor Sarah is spending less time in Bothell and more time in North Seattle. A launch team of six people has been formed to cultivate the culture of the second site. She will be travelling up to Chilliwack BC for a series of seminars on church planting over the next year. She would like to visit CORE groups to share updates and answer questions.

Bothell is fortunate to have four persons going through the Ordination Process. Pastor Joe has been recommended for commissioning as a Provisional Elder, to be confirmed at Annual Conference. Kristin Joyner, who serves as our Director of Community Engagement has been recommended for commissioning as a Provisional Deacon, to be confirmed at Annual Conference. Both she and Pastor Joe will graduate from the Claremont School of Theology in May of this year. Sharon Ryder, who leads our Wonderfully Made program has 15 credits left and is currently under care with the Puget Sound District. Next steps are yet to be determined. Laura Holmes just recently joined Bothell UMC. She has been friends with Pastor DJ since they met in seminary at Princeton. She is starting the ordination process and sought and received inquiring status from us.

Members of the Reconciling Ministry Team joined us. We thanked them for leading Bothell UMC toward creating our welcoming statement and continuing to move us towards inclusion of all people. RMT made a recommendation to the GB that the church, as a whole, join the Reconciling Ministry Network. Currently we have a community within the congregation that belongs to the Network. The RMT believe that inclusion in the RMN will allow our church to be more easily found by persons seeking a congregation that is inclusive of the LGBT community. The GB had some questions, thanked them for the recommendation, and promised to get back to them.

There are two preschools at our church. The Headstart program will be losing their funding at the end of June. The Center for Human Services has asked for another program, Kaleidoscope, to replace Headstart in our contract and in our building. Kaleidoscope is a play-and-learn program for preschoolers that features a bi-lingual component as well as parenting classes. It's a good program that serves families in need, particularly families where English is the second language spoken in the home. Ron Kreizenbeck will into more information and how this will impact our building use.

The facilities team will be working with our Boy Scout troop to create raised beds for the Hopelink vegetable garden. Kendra Smith and Elizabeth McIntyre will help out Warren Brown with this.

Bill Brooks is stepping down from the Generosity team. We are thankful for his help in getting the GB off the ground. Diane Chapel has agreed to step in and take his place. She is going to work with Ji-Young Kim and Patsy Ethridge-Neal to create a policy that will allow our staff to have credit cards for program purchases.