

The March meeting of the Board of Stewards of the Crosby United Methodist Church was held on Tuesday, March 16th, 2021 at 6:30pm. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Buddy Brewer.

A quorum was declared.

Members in attendance were:

Buddy Brewer

Skip Greenwade

Randy Foster

Al Jamail

James Malac

Rev. Jamie Lea

Willie Thompson

Anne Till

Collie smith

Johnnie Miley

Melody Mendez

Ray Reese was present as the recording secretary (non-voting)

Michelle Day was present was a congregational member (non-voting)

James Malac offered the opening prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Skip Greenwade made the motion to approve.

Anne Till second the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board Members were reminded to review the Guiding Principles document and submit their signed covenants to Ray Reese if they have not already done so.

SECTION REPORTS

Finance

Finance reporting was given by Ray Reese. Ray reported that giving was up month over month but was \$3200 under the budgeted amount. Noted exceptions to budgeted expenses were a \$2599 overage on the insurance line item. This resulted from an accidental double deduction of premium charges by the insurance company. The refund for the overage had already been processed and received. Otherwise, expenses were in line with budget expectations.

Investments held by TMF showed a favorable return of \$6402 during the previous calendar month.

All requested financial documents were provided by the Weekday School.

Trustee

The trustee report was given by Willie Thompson. Willie informed the Board that in the garage that almost half of the ceiling had collapsed. The drywall had been removed and it is currently in a "workable" state but would require further action.

An update was given on the state of the facility post freeze. No major damage was incurred. The sprinkler system did sustain a small amount of damage. This repair will require further action. The hedge by the parsonage appears to be a total loss and will require action to remove and replace.

All these items will be addressed in a future workday which currently stands as TBD.

A baby shower for Hunter and Sarah Brown has been planned for April 18th in the FLC. A request was made to the Board to allow this gathering. Anne Till made the motion to approve the building use request for the Brown's shower, given that current protocols are followed. Collie Smith second the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

SPRC

The SPRC report was given by Melody Mendez. Melody asked Ray Reese for an update on the progress of the QuickBooks certification classes which were approved for Ray and Beverly Pipes. Ray indicated that there had been a departure from a "certification" class as Beverly indicated that she did not wish to sit for the certification exam. Ray found a class which would allow for one-on-one instruction by a certified QuickBooks instructor using the Church's actual financial information and software set up. This class will be \$350 for both Ray and Beverly and is scheduled for early April.

Generosity Team—no new activity

Kids Hope—no new activity.

Youth

Melody Mendez stated that youth would sponsor a fundraiser to sell bagged mulch at the March Madness Spring Festival. Mulch will be \$5 per bag for a 2-cu. ft. bag. This product can be spread for an additional cost, but that will be considered on a case-by-case basis and only for Church members if the need is present.

NEW BUSINESS

First item of new business is to review the COVID protocol current in place. Buddy Brewer said that he would like for each member present to provide their thoughts on current guidelines and directions. After general discussion is closed, he would entertain a motion to open the protocol up for amendment. If that motion passes, further discussion would include changing specific requirements.

General Discussion was held. Each person in attendance was allowed 2 minutes to voice opinions.

Following the termination of discussion, Randy Foster made the motion to open protocol for amendments. Melody Mendez second the motion. The vote was 6 for and 6 against, with one vote being cast in absentia via paper submission. As the motion required a 2/3 majority vote to pass and did receive such, the motion to open protocol for amendment failed to pass.

The Board was apprised that the Church office had approved the renewal of the Church's ad on the Crosby ISD Football calendar.

In accordance with Guiding Principles, the quarterly town hall meeting is scheduled to be held March 25th. This town hall will be held both in-person, in the FLC, and virtually via Zoom and Facebook live. The content of the town hall meeting will be a review of financials of the 2020 FY, a review of the A/V upgrade plan, a review of the Concrete upgrade plan, and a QA for pre-submitted questions. The town hall meeting will follow all current COVID protocol measures. Buddy Brewer and Skip Greenwade will facilitate the meeting.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Jamie expressed concern over the March Madness Spring Festival rummage sale and other associated events following COVID protocols. It was shared that the plan for this event included the following of all protocols.

Plans to reconstitute children's church were in the works. The plan needs further development and volunteers. These volunteers will need to complete Safe Sanctuary training and successfully pass a background check.

Easter Lilies will be picked up on 3/30. This program was successful in that most all flowers were purchased by congregation members.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Randy Foster and second by Melody Mendez. The meeting was adjourned at 8:18pm.