

Rush United Methodist Church
Leadership Committee Meeting
October 9, 2021

Present: Pastor Todd, Geoffrey Furman, Cindy Wallace, Tonya Hunt, Erin Bills (via phone),
Patty Weaver

Absent: Lynda Wanzenried, Jan Corey

Guest : Cindy Gray

The meeting was started by Pastor Todd with Joys and Concerns and a prayer.

Finance:

1. Analysis of Revenue and Expenses
 - Pastor Todd handed out copies of Spencer's reports for our review.
 - Our budget is very tight and we are living within our means. There is no money for extras.

Annual Church Conference and Special Church Conference:

1. Both Conferences will take place via Zoom on November 20th.
 - A. **The Annual Church Conference** is held for the election of trustees and the pastoral compensation package.
 - B. **The Special Church Conference** is being held to determine if the parsonage should be sold.
 - C. The format of each meeting will be discussion and then voting. If we decided in favor of selling the parsonage, the decision must be approved by several layers/people in the District before that can take place.
 - D. The meeting must be on Zoom. Zoom voting is dictated by the District Conference and mail in-ballots are not allowed. To insure confidentiality we will be voting on Zoom by direct message to Geoff Furman. There will be a learning session to teach attendees how to cast their votes.
 - E. The Reverend Aaron Bowens will be hosting the meeting.

The Lawsuit Against the Church:

- People in the church are angry and feel that this is a frivolous lawsuit.
- A. Pastor Todd is empowered to hire a law firm to represent us and has chosen a local law firm.
- B. Pastor Todd has spoken to Walt Banker and Barb Weilert who were members of the church during the time frame of the lawsuit.
- C. The United Methodist Church is negotiating with the Boy Scouts to settle all the lawsuits against the Boy Scouts.
- D. Our charter with the Boy Scouts will continue through March 2022.

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SPRC:

- A. Geoff Furman would like to make a priority list of things that need to be done in the church.
- B. Since no one has volunteered or wants to be hired as the church custodian, Geoff is looking into hiring a cleaning service. We currently have \$650 left in the budget for the rest of the year to pay for such a service. SPRC will do the actual hiring and determine the budget for this.

NYS Hero Act:

- By NYS law, every organization must have a pandemic plan of action. Our paperwork is filed but the training hasn't started yet.

RUMC 25th Anniversary Celebration:

- The celebration will be held on Sunday, November 14 and Pastor Todd would like to invite everyone who was involve with the church 25 years ago.

Meeting notes submitted by:

Cindy Wallace

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, November 13 at 8:30 AM