

**Grace United Methodist Church**  
**(Harrisburg)**  
**Minutes of Leadership Council Meeting**  
**April 16, 2024**

**Attending:** Rick Albright, Amy Hall, Jessica Schneck, Sue Kompare, Barbara Janecko, Wayne Bender, Joy Makin, Pastor Anna Layman Knox.

**Excused Absences:** Steve Drachler, Don Reasoner, Jim Flesher, Lisa Bender, and Christie House.

**Opening Devotion and Prayer:** Wayne Bender led us in a very inspirational devotion in the Sanctuary. Each attendee stood, shoeless, on Holy ground in various places in the Sanctuary. He spoke about Holy and Sacred places.

**Concern:** Wayne brought up the subject of the importance of encouraging attendance at Grace on Sundays. Several ideas were discussed:

Pastor Anna and Jessica will call non-attendees to encourage them to attend services on Sunday's.

Mass email or Robot call was mentioned.

Parking is an issue, particularly for mobility challenged folks. We will put cones in 2 parking places in front of the Church, marked for Grace/Handicapped.

Amy Hall and Wayne Bender will establish a map identifying parking options for Grace Attendees to be posted on the website.

Wayne has identified 4 parking spaces marked for Democrat use that he has permission to use on Sunday. He uses one, Wolgamuth's, Keeneys have the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, and he will assign one to Don Reasoner and Christie.

**Leadership Development:** It was suggested that we use the Partners for Sacred Spaces Handbook – chapter by chapter, as a guide for the meeting leadership development section each month.

**Building Policy check-in:** Steve Drachler will update at next meeting.

**Accounting Proposal:** All members received the proposal from Dynamic Accounting. After discussion, Amy Hall moved to accept Dynamic Accounting to begin immediately as our bookkeeping partner.

Jessica Schneck seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by voice votes of Aye.

Many thanks to Marla Wasson for all her help with our bookkeeping.

**Trustees and Facilities Update:** Trustee report was distributed to all as information.

**Family Promise:** Family Promise is currently in need of office space. They have approached Grace for any available space, including parking.

After discussion, Barbara Janecko make a motion to allow negotiations with Family Promise for office space and one (1) parking space during work hours M-F for \$350.00/month.

Motion was seconded by Sue Kompare. Unanimous approval by voice votes of Aye.

**Grace Employee Handbook and Personnel Policies:** Pastor Anna requested volunteer(s) to review and update the GUMC Employee

Handbook. Suggestion was made to approach Claudia Lukert. Pastor Anna will talk with Claudia.

**June Leadership Council Meeting:** Due to Pastor Anna's absence on June 18, discussion took place regarding the meeting date for June. It was decided that the June meeting will be held on June 11, 2024 – IF NEEDED.

**Financial:** Financial reports were distributed to all attendees. Discussion took place regarding ways to present the financial status to the congregation.

**Executive Session :** Rick Albright requested a motion to allow Wayne Bender to stay for the Executive Session. Barbara Janecko moved to allow Wayne to attend the Executive session. Jessica seconded the motion. Unanimous approval by voice votes of Aye.

**Adjournment:** Leadership Council was adjourned at 8:05 PM. Executive Session followed.

**Next Meeting: May 21, 2024.**

Respectfully submitted,

Joy Makin