

Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership
Board Meeting of February 7, 2015

Pastor David opened the meeting with prayer at 11:45 a.m.

Present: Debby Chenoweth, Jim Anderson, Rick McBee, Margaret Godard, Donna Fitch, Pastor David King.

Board Officers for 2015: By consensus, Debby Chenoweth will serve another term as Chair and Erica Gerald will be asked to serve as Secretary. Rick McBee will continue as representative to SPRC and Jim Anderson will serve as representative to Finance with Margaret as his back-up.

Appointment terms for Board members and Finance Committee were determined and will be publicized.

Minutes: Rick moved and Jim seconded that the minutes of the Board meetings of September 14, 2014 and December 14, 2014 and the Annual Meeting of January 11, 2015 be approved as presented. Unanimously approved. Minutes are posted on the website and also available in the church office.

Pastor's Report: Pastor David reported that he has been attending several clergy gatherings in the Gorge and will meet with his United Methodist Colloquy group in Hermiston this month. He also meets regularly with a local lectionary group, GEM (Gorge Ecumenical Ministries), and the Mt. Adams Ministerial Association. Asbury Our Redeemer will host the April GEM meeting.

It was also reported that District Superintendent Rev. Lowell Greathouse will become Director of Connectional Ministry for the Conference and that Rev. Erin Martin will become superintendent of the Columbia District. Rev. Steve Ross will be deputy over the Gorge churches.

FISH: Debby reported that furnishings for the new building are now being ordered. FISH expects to occupy the building near the end of March.

Debby gave an informative update on the landscaping/garden committee. The project received an \$1,800 grant from the ELCA and exciting plans are now underway with interest coming from several new community volunteers and groups. SPRC is finalizing a job description for a coordinator for the project and we hope to have someone on board soon.

SPRC: Rick reported that Gigi Siekkinen was elected Chair and Nancy Radley will serve as Secretary. The committee is currently working on a plan to update the church narthex. Their goal is to complete improvements by Easter.

A congregational vitality survey will be completed in worship over the next two weeks. Results will be available in a few weeks and it's hoped that a representative of the ELCA Oregon Synod will join us to interpret the results. They will provide a "jumping-off" point for our work.

Path Forward: Next Board meeting will tentatively be held on Saturday, March 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Debby Chenoweth's home. Tentative date for the second quarterly meeting will be Saturday, June 6 from 12 noon to 3 p.m.

Other: It was the consensus of the Board to authorize Office Manager Jennifer Fowler and Pastor David to make a decision on a new copier within the bounds of the budget.

Rick moved and Donna seconded to direct the Finance Committee to obtain a new credit card for the church. Vote was unanimous.

There was a brief discussion of hospitality and things we could begin to implement to make visitors feel more welcome. Several ideas were discussed.

The meeting was closed by prayer at 1:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donna Fitch