

**MINUTES of the Board of Directors
Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership
Sunday, May 14, 2016**

PRESENT: Pastor David King, Board Members Jim Anderson, Debby Chenoweth, Donna Fitch, and Pat Pettit

ABSENT: Alden Gendreau and Rick McBee

OPENING PRAYER was offered by Pastor David King.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Jim Anderson moved and Pat Pettit seconded that the minutes of February 7, 2016 be approved.
Motion carried unanimously.

STATUS OF THE CHURCH NAMING PROCESS: Pastor David gave an update on the naming process and outlined the next steps. Name reaction sheets were distributed today during worship and people were encouraged to talk to community members and turn them in as they're completed. For the next two weeks, Pastor David will continue to talk the congregation through the naming process, devoting about five minutes at each service. The new name has to pass with a 2/3 majority vote of the congregation. Pastor David's column in the June newsletter will also be devoted to the naming process.

Pastor David will lead the congregational meeting to select a new name on June 5 and Board Chair Debby will take charge of the meeting for the formal vote. We'll probably use a modified "dot preference process" like the one used at the workshop earlier this month with Jan Wierma. All agreed that method works well because it gives an immediate and strong visual picture of the whole group's preferences. One or two motions will probably be needed after the name vote is completed, one to accept the name and another to empower the Board to make necessary changes to our Constitution.

RESPONSE TO OREGON SYNOD ELCA RESOLUTIONS:

Debby explained that the first resolution she distributed recognizes our Christian responsibility to the environment and will encourage members to compassionately divest from funds that support production of fossil fuels and invest in funds that support clean energy and manufacturing.

The second resolution distributed "Calls for Oregon to be a Sanctuary Synod and Memorialize the ELCA to be a Sanctuary Denomination." Copies of both resolutions are attached to the original of these minutes.

The Sanctuary resolution was proposed by Augustana Church of Portland which provided sanctuary for 81 days last year at the request of an El Salvadoran national who was about to be deported. There will be much more information to come on this issue and additional discussion as individual congregations will be asked eventually to vote on the resolution.

Other resolutions presented included one on universal health care and another on LGBT issues in the Synod. There was also a resolution recognizing the 500th anniversary of the Reformation which will be celebrated throughout the denomination on October 31, 2017.

BUILDING NEEDS: It was reported that plans are underway to move the bell from Asbury to our current location. Debby also told the Board that Jim Matthias has agreed to oversee the electrical upgrade on the main building. Lighting needs in the office building were discussed. Air conditioning and heating upgrades will probably be addressed by installing “splits” in the appropriate places. They are being used in many retrofits now and people seemed very pleased with the results. The new shower in the parsonage is almost complete and is awaiting inspection.

BUDGET STATUS: Debby reported that outgo is outpacing income right now but the Finance Committee is aware of the situation and working on it.

OTHER: Pastor David and Melissa will welcome their new daughters to the family on June 15 and David will be on paternity leave from June 15 until August 10. We will enjoy a series of guest and lay speakers on nature, our planned summer theme, in his absence. A shower for the girls and their new family will be held following worship on June 12.

It was decided that the next Board meeting will be held on Sunday, August 14, following worship.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT: The meeting concluded with prayer and was adjourned at 12:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch, Secretary
Board of Trustees