

**MINUTES of the Board of Directors  
Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership  
Sunday, February 7, 2016**

**PRESENT:** Pastor David King, Board Members Jim Anderson, Debby Chenoweth, Donna Fitch, Alden Gendreau, Rick McBee and Pat Pettit

**OPENING PRAYER** was offered by Pastor David King.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS** Alden Gendreau and Pat Pettit were welcomed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Pastor David moved and Jim Anderson seconded that the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership held on Sunday, January 10, 2016 be approved. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**ELECTION OF CHAIR, SECRETARY:**

Jim moved and Donna seconded that Debby Chenoweth serve as Chair of the Board for 2016. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

Debby moved and Jim seconded that Donna Fitch serve as Secretary of the Board for 2016. ***Motion carried unanimously.***

**REVIEW OF BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES:** Pastor David reviewed the attached Calling Description which includes Board Member Description, Purpose, Authority and Boundaries and Accountability. He explained that some minor changes in wording will be made as a result of the adoption of our new Constitution.

It was suggested that Board training be provided for new Board members. Debby reported that the Rev. Terry Moe has been asked to provide a workshop on transition in leadership for all new officers and other involved in leadership positions.

**NAMING - RESPONSES FROM LISTENING, NEXT STEPS:** Pastor David has tabulated responses from the listening sessions held last fall. Those responses will be used in formulating questions to be used at house meetings scheduled in February and March. Pastor David will facilitate the house meetings. Debby reported that Jan Werma of the Synod office has also offered to help facilitate when we begin the naming process.

**SPRC, FINANCE, OTHER UPDATES:** Rick McBee agreed to continue as Board representative to SPRC and Jim Anderson will be Board representative to the Finance Committee. Rick reported that several items, including the Irv Johnson Scholarship fund and the Duckwall Endowment, will be referred to Finance as they begin the task this year of combining the finances of Asbury and Our Redeemer. Rick commented that the Board is now one single group of Trustees for the entire church so signers on the account will be changed accordingly.

Pastor David told the group that we hope to have the church naming process completed sometime in May, following the completion of house meetings.

**FISH UPDATE - MEETING ROOM USE, SOLAR, O&M ACCOUNT:** Debby reported that in the first ten months of operation, the new FISH meeting room has hosted 86 different non-profit groups and served more than 2,000 people. The solar system is producing more electricity than originally anticipated and the church recently received a check for \$400, half of the amount generated in 2016. FISH received \$400 as well. The \$1 annual rent from FISH to the church has also been paid.

**GARDEN REPORT** - Debby reported that garden volunteer coordinator Susan Randolph is on board for the 2016 season. There was approximately \$2,000 left in last year's budget plus some grant funds which will both carry over to help pay Susan's salary this year.

**CAPITAL NEEDS - Electric, HVAC, insulation, doors:** Craig Terry has provided a list of maintenance needs and estimated costs for the new year (find copy attached). A working group will be formed to coordinate the work on capital projects for the church buildings. Upgrades will be completed with the proceeds from the sale of Asbury's building. That money is available for use in capital projects but may not be used for operating expenses. Once a plan is outlined and presented to the Board, it will be approved by the full congregation and individual projects will be put out to bid

Greg Simurdak, general contractor on the FISH building, has agreed to install a shower in the parsonage. Asbury trustees previously approved an expense not to exceed \$5,000 for the project.

**OTHER:** The end of the year report for the ELCA is being prepared. Pastor David asked the Board to fill out a short survey and a brief discussion was held on the strengths and weaknesses of our congregation. All agreed that we're definitely moving in the right direction.

We are encouraged to send up to two youth to the ELCA Oregon Synod Assembly at the end of April. Board member Alden Gendreau will consider that possibility and perhaps another youth could join him. The Synod waives registration fees for youth and Asbury Our Redeemer will cover the room expense.

Debby reported that the Synod Council read our newly approved Constitution in fully at its last meeting and gave its approval to the document on February 6, 2016. She also noted there will be an article about our congregation in the April issue of the Lutheran magazine. Debby added that sponsors are coming forward for the community meal being held monthly in conjunction with the Oregon State University Extension cooking and nutrition class held in the FISH building. Attendance at the first meeting, which was sponsored by our congregation, was excellent.

Pastor David announced that the General Conference worldwide meeting of the United Methodist Church will be held in Portland for ten days in May. Members of our congregation

will have many opportunities to attend. Pastor David also announced that next year will be the 500th anniversary of the Reformation so many activities and commemorations are also planned throughout the year.

Rick McBee reported that the printed church directory is in its final phase. Professional photographer Gordon Leigh of our congregation will take directory photos for no cost but folks will be able to order additional photos from him for a charge. A list of church officers will be printed inside the directory. Rick said the goal is to complete photos in June.

There was a personal prayer request.

***It was decided that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Saturday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the home of Debby Chenoweth.*** At that time the Board will map out meeting dates for the remainder of the year.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** The meeting concluded with prayer and was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch, Secretary  
Board of Trustees