**Asbury Our Redeemer Partnership**

**Board of Directors (B.O.D.) Meeting: March 14, 2015**

**Present: Debby Chenoweth – Chairman, Rev. David King, Jim Anderson – BOD Liason to Finance Committee, Margaret Godard – Back-up to Jim, Rick McBee – BOD Liason to SPRC, Donna Fitch, and Erica Gerald - Secretary**

9:20am Meeting Commences

A. **Old Business**

1. Jim moves to approve the minutes of the Feb. 7, 2015 Meeting, Rick 2nd’s. All approved.
2. Bank moved from US Bank to Columbia River Bank. Need copy of today’s minutes. Debby approves moving banks. No concerns on behalf of B.O.D.
3. Signers for bank: Muriel, Debby Chenoweth, Tom Hart, Margaret Godard, Jean Sheppard
4. Motion made by Debby Chenoweth. All approved. Secretary prints minutes and signs
5. Vitality Results from Congregational survey available near the end of the 4th week in March 2015
6. After results arrive, BOD and SPRC get a copy to review. Decide what to do with the information.
7. Option is to bring on a congregation that has been through it to do a facilitation.

Ice Breaker – 2 Truths and a Lie

Devotion led by Rev. King John 11:38-\_

B. **Identity, Vision, Mission**

1. Who are we
2. BOD Leadership
3. Christians working together as a congregation
4. Positive and Unjudging place for all of us.
5. Unique partnership of committed Christians
6. Waiting for the starting gun to get started
7. Group of like-minded people seeking spiritual growth and direction.
8. Group want to live in Godly ways.
9. One body
10. Group of loving people waiting
11. A visible expression of the unity of the Church
12. Trying to live into the role of a Deacon: ordained people trying to bridge the Church into the world.
13. Why are we here
14. At the “go” point. At the point of needing to set direction or start point.
15. Train ourselves and others how to be disciples so we may go out and disciple
16. Offer an alternative to often battered description of Christianity
17. Are we defining, staying on the path, looking for the path: Lewis & Clark analogy
18. In a community of largely unchurched people.

*\*Side-thought: Margaret Goddard – some kind of tribute/gathering/prayer for witnesses to suicide last week*

1. What is God calling us to be and do?
2. Not be afraid to strike out and do something, don’t get hung up on mistakes
3. Avoid focusing inward exclusively
4. Go into the world is vague but healthy goal.
5. FISH isn’t the end goal; avoid getting stuck
6. Small objectives set so people in congregation have satisfaction of achievement but keep moving beyond.
7. Bridging between the church and community
8. Bridge of the Gorge
9. Brainstorming how we express the church’s vision/mission/identity: Non-judgmental, Positive, Bridge w/community, open-minded, alive, vital, sharing, caring, family, disagree w/love, place that educates *\*Side-thought: Debby Chenoweth - House of all Sinners and Saints*
10. BOD gave 3 stars to the items we felt identify us. Big winners get the most stars:
11. Bridge w/ Community

Our strength is worship

-Congregation is physically out of the building

-Worship is within and without

-Garden used, maintained harvested beyond congregation strictly

-Meeting room for non-profits and related entities.

-Implies bringing people together who aren’t normally grouped, creating connections.

-Vigilant about what’s going on in community: Community Ed fading, possibly list of resources, programs, classes in community, service for witness’ and the suicide victim.

1. Alive

-Be in fellowship in meaningful small groups

-Growing, adapting, being active

-Continue spiritual journey

-Inter-connected

-Woven into the web of life

-Meaningful worship

d. How do we see “Bridge with Community” and “Alive” working together?

-The more we cross bridge into the community the more alive we appear and the more

alive we are. Get it going both ways.

-How to communicate our mission to the congregation in a positive light so the

congregants don’t panic.

e. How do we hone this down to a “Tag Line”, statement that goes below the Church name.

-weave, water, bridge, connecting, community, going out,

Asbury Our redeemer partnership is a living bridge weaving connecting God and Community

Connecting God’s grace on a living bridge to our community

A living bridge connecting God’s grace with/to the community

“A living bridge connecting community with God’s grace.”

Rev. King closed with prayer. Lunch.

C. **Covenant committee organized**: Donna Fitch, Debby Chenoweth, Rev. King, Jean Sheppard

1. This committee will meet before the next BOD meeting and among other tasks will form a timeline for

accomplishing tasks in order to create a permanent Joint covenant.

Next meeting: Sunday April 12, after 2nd Service

Adjourned at 12:43 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by,

Erica Gerald

Secretary