

**MINUTES of the Board of Directors**  
**Spirit of Grace Church**  
**Sunday, November 6, 2016**

**DRAFT**

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:43 a.m. Pastor David King led a short **Biblical reflection** from the Gospel of Matthew. Those present responded to the following: “Think of a time you had the strength to love an enemy. How did you change.?” After a brief time of sharing, an **OPENING PRAYER** was offered by Pastor King.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Pastor David moved and Rick McBee seconded that the minutes of the meeting of October 9, 2016 be approved. The minutes were approved unanimously.

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** The committee, composed of Pastor David and outgoing Board members Debby Chenoweth and Rick McBee, is continuing to meet in order to have a slate of officers ready to present at the January annual meeting.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE REPORT:** Pastor David reported on our UMC cluster meeting in Troutdale last month. A new strategic plan for the district was introduced and discussed at the Charge Conference and new methods of worship and “being in community” were shared. Rick McBee and Gigi Siekkinen attended along with Pastor David. Board Chair Debby reported that she attended many churches in the Lancaster, Ohio area during her recent stay there with family.

**2017 BUDGET AND PRIORITIES:** Rick McBee prepared a draft budget for the Board’s review. Those present went through the budget line by line in order to ask questions and clarify some line items. There was discussion of the pastoral salary recommended by SPRC and the proposed salary raises for support staff. Final salary numbers will be available next meeting. Rick will solicit more budget requests and do more information gathering and revising of the budget prior to that session.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be held following second service on Sunday, December 4. The Annual Meeting was tentatively set for Sunday, January 8th following worship.

**CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was concluded with prayer and adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Fitch, Secretary  
Board of Directors