

# Canton First Methodist Church

## Governing Board

### Minutes of Meeting | Sunday, July 21, 2024

The Governing Board (Board) met on Sunday, July 21, 2024, at 2:00 PM in Room 117. The meeting was conducted in-person and open to congregation attendance and participation.

**Welcome | Call to Order | Record of Attendance** – Board Chairperson Bob Hulsey called the meeting to order at 2:00 P.M. and welcomed the guests in attendance.

*Present:*

Chairperson – Bob Hulsey

Vice Chairperson: Clint Baber

Treasurer – James Cannon

Lay Leader – Dave Sullivan

Secretary – Susan Dreschel

Lay Delegate – Dana Hall

Lay Delegate – Mike McCord

Member at Large: Bob Ballard

Member at Large: Mike Haire

Member at Large: Susan Harris

Member at Large: Andrew Lundy

Member at Large: Gini Mizelle

*Ex-Officio Members w/vote:* Rev. Kenny Ott

*Ex-Officio Members w/o vote:* Julie Little

*Absent:*

Member at Large - Will Thacker

*Ex-Officio Members w/vote:* Preschool Council Chairperson – Richard Landolt

Meeting minutes from the Board meeting held on June 23, 2024, were approved.

**Devotion and Prayer** – Mike Haire gave a devotion on forgiveness, based on Matthew 18:21-22, 21:

*Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?". Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."*

Mr. Haire shared there is a lot of hurt, pain, anger, frustration, confusion, hatred and suffering in the world, and as Christians we're not immune to these same feelings and issues. In the journey of our faith, few virtues resonate as profoundly as forgiveness. It is a concept embedded in the very heart of God's nature and central to our Christian Walk. As we meditate on Jesus' words, let us ask God for the strength and humility to forgive as He forgives us. May we embrace the challenge to forgive not merely out of duty but out of a desire to reflect the boundless love and mercy of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Following the devotion, the Board recited together the Wesley Covenant Prayer.

## **Consent Agenda –**

F.4. Preschool Ministry Council Report was adopted on Consent.

## **Congregation Participation –**

Church member Skip Roberts asked for a review by staff of the cabling in the Sanctuary balcony as a possible trip hazard.

## **Board Member Items –**

- 1) Bob Hulseley requested the Board’s consideration to change the Board meeting frequency to every other month unless a need arises requiring a monthly meeting. James Cannon suggested, and the Board concurred, to cancel the August meeting and move the next meeting to September.

## **Informational Updates:**

### **Lead Pastor Report –**

Rev. Kenny Ott thanked the Board and church staff for providing ongoing excellent support and leadership to the church. Rev. Ott introduced the new Missions and Outreach Pastor Dean Osuch. Rev. Osuch shared his excitement with the Board on joining the Canton First Methodist team and his thanks to everyone for the warm welcome.

**Ministry Team Report –** Building Superintendent Robert Cummings provided an update on building maintenance and upgrades for electrical, plumbing, heating and air condition systems, and other items. Mr. Cummings has implemented preventative maintenance schedules and is working to identify additional ways to improve efficiency and reduce building maintenance and operational expenses.

**Treasurer’s Report | Monthly Financial Update –** Julie Little reported on year-to-date income and expense numbers, and reviewed designated fund balances, as of June 30, 2024.

**Facilities Projects Report –** Julie Little reported on facility projects for 2024, status, estimated costs, and the fund designation for covering the expenses.

**Preschool Ministry Council Report –** Consent Item

**Personnel Committee report –** No Report

### **Task Force Team (TFT) Reports –**

- 1) Bob Hulseley provided an update from the Building Expansion Task Force Team on the recommendation of an architectural firm to plan the design and to provide project oversight. The TFT recommends Gene Barrington, with Barker, Cunningham, Barrington, PC, to provide architectural design services for the project to include plans for building renovation, remodeling, and expansion. Mr. Barrington was the assigned architect for the construction of Phase 3 for the Sanctuary.

### **Business Items Requiring Action –**

- 1) Based on the recommendation from the Building Expansion Task Force Team, the Board indicated full consensus to move forward to retain the services of architect Gene Barrington.

**Reminders:**

**The next Board meeting is Sunday, September 15, at 2:00 PM.** Agenda Items are due by September 3, and the agenda publication date is September 10.

**Adjourn to Executive Session | Personnel and Legal Items – No Executive Session.**

**Sending Forth | Close of Meeting**

The Board meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM by Bob Hulseby.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Little