

**Lone Oak United Methodist Church**

**Church Council Minutes**

**DATE:** Monday, July 22, 2024, 6:00 pm – 7:55 pm

**Members:**

P	Sam Boss	P	Kirk Edwards	P	David Pope - Chair
P	Allen Burnett	P	Jack Feiler	P	Freda Thompson
P	Donna Chu	P	Carson Ford		
P	David Cunningham – Lay Leader		Ranee Gough	P	Connor Williams – Pastor

Others:

**Agenda Items:**

**Topic: Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation: Chair – David Pope**

**Discussion:** David Pope called the meeting to order. He led the group in prayer and Spiritual Formation based on “Stop, Look and Listen.”

David Pope discussed the partnership with the 4 schools in Lone Oak area. The approximate cost of a back pack plus their supplies list is about \$50. About 65% of the students in Lone Oak school system are in need of help.

Connor will be getting with staff and teams to start planning for budget for next year. Would like to have strategic planning next month for 2025. Staff evaluations are to be done in August. A council member will be asked to sit in with Connor during the evaluation.

Stewardship month is September. Plan to have individuals talk each week during September about their stewardship and how the money is used.

**Topic: General Ministry Update – Connor Williams**

**Discussion:** Reports from Worship, Youth and Communication

Communication: Better social media presence. Next focus will be on interior and exterior signage, increasing the visibility of the building with flags, signs, etc. Working on playground equipment (\$50,000 for first estimate).

Youth: Three have moved away. Still have 9 attending. Had successful lock in. Plan to work toward more church involvement with suppers and more mission involvement for youth.

Childrens Ministry: Back to school bash for August 11th.

**Topic: Approval of May Minutes**

Motion to approve by Donna Chu, second by Allen Burnett

**Discussion:**

**Action:** Motion passed

**Topic: Approval of June Minutes**

Motion to approve by Allen Burnett, second by Kirk Edwards

**Discussion:**

**Action** – approved with date correction

**Topic: Document – Proposed Guiding Principles Document**

Move to approve Allen Burnett, second by Donna Chu

**Discussion:** Reviewed wording of IIIB

Move to approve rewording of IIIB by Donna Chu, second by Jack Feiler

**Action:** approved as edited

**Topic: Finance Report Review**

**Discussion:** offerings behind through end of June over \$26,000

Funeral meals over budget, discussion of other overages

**Action:**

**Topic: Sign:**

Kirk Edwards obtained an estimate for an LED sign. For approximately \$37,000. Two additional estimates are needed. This would require a funding campaign.

Kirk Edwards, David Pope and Allen Burnett to get some others from congregation to discuss proposing to the church.

**Topic: Online Banking Access**

**Discussion:** Timm Fair (treasurer) asked for Christie Summers (accountant) to be able to access online banking.

**Action:** Allen Burnett made a motion to approve Christie Summers and Timm Fair authority to have access to the online banking, seconded by Kirk Edwards. Motion passed.

Based on questions and discussion, Connor will prepare materials to facilitate a council conversation about understanding the rulings of the general conference.

**Communication:** David Pope will prepare information from the council meeting to present to the congregation.

Next Meeting 6 pm on August 19th, anything for consent package to David Pope by August.

Respectfully submitted

Freda Thompson