



GUM CHURCH

Our vision is to actively live the example of Jesus

Georgetown United Methodist Church, Minutes of Trustees Meeting

Monday, May 1, 2023 – GUM Library, 7:00 pm

Present: Bev Hain, George Masselink, Ryan Malott, Virginia VanderVeen, Carol Stover, Ken Tuinstra, Martin Berg, Andy Meredith, Pastor Sherri

Absent: Todd Potter

Guest: Paul Myers

Item 1

Guest Paul Myers brought the Trustees up to date on use/misuse of the softball field. Paul mows, trims, overall takes care of the field, and in turn is allowed to use the field for his softball pitching training without cost. Non GUM members pay to use the field. Pete Priest, serving as the go-between between a user and the church, arranged rent and times for a non-member group to use the field. Unbeknownst to all GUM people involved, the user tore out a 10 foot swath of sod, removed the softball bases, and set the field up for baseball. This is not what GUM understood would happen. Ryan offered to talk with Mr. Priest about the situation. The consensus of the Trustees appeared to be to keep it as a softball field as that was what was intended when the field was built with memorial funds from the death of Ron Jenison, an early member of GUM.

Item 2

It was suggested it's time to get comparable quotes from at least a couple lawn/snow maintenance companies before the snow season returns. While we are not unhappy with Priest, it seems like good stewardship to see what the current market is. Andy will take care of this item. Ryan will research.

Item 3

This past Saturday, April 29, clean up day was a great success. Several people pitched in to do indoor and outdoor work.

Item 4

Andy, his family, and another couple cleared out the storage building that we have been paying rent on which now saves us over \$100/month. Interesting, old and new, collection of "stuff" was found. Carol Stover has gone through it, and there will be a give-away-day this coming Sunday. Some items will be free take-aways, financial donations will be requested for other items.

Item 5

Bev Hain requested permission to purchase fertilizer, flowers, and other supplies for the gardens. Permission given.

Item 6

Bill Stover fixed problem toilets in a couple bathrooms. The men's bathroom near the sanctuary needs updating/replacement of toilets, and reconfiguring to accommodate wheelchairs/become handicap accessible. Approval given. Andy will work on this.

Item 7

The yard drainage pipe under/behind the memorial garden needs replacement because of underground leakage. Bill Stover will work with Ryan. Bev has a replacement pipe available for use.

Item 8

Ceiling tile replacement: pictures have been taken of needed replacements. Ryan will purchase. One suggestion was to move the good tiles in closets and other shut away places to where needed and put older but still usable tiles where not so publicly seen.

Item 9

Some discussion of Exit signs, hard-wired or not? battery operated? Some are not working as they should. More research required, Ryan is investigating.

Item 10

Building use agreement: does it need updating? Amy Schuiling will be following up with an updated use agreement.

Item 11

Folding 8' tables need replacing as well as replacement, easily accessible, trash bins in the kitchen. Ryan Malott will follow up on this.

Item 12

Exterior signage, requesting complete replacement, so there is symmetry and signs are informative. Ryan Malott will follow up on this and provide feedback to Trustees team and Pastor Sherri.

Item 13

A suggestion was made to invest some of our working capital so we could be earning a bit. How much? Review expected expenses over the next 6-8 months, so we have working funds and funds for the future.

Item 14

Next meeting, Monday, June 5. Future meetings first Monday of the month until further notice.