



Board of Stewards Meeting

Monday, November 18, 2024

Board members in attendance: Mike Harle, Jay Farrell, Harold Barnette, Jane Wheelless, Steve Hunting, Eli McCall, Andrew Lewis, Fred Cantler, Peter Johnson and Anna McCall

Others in attendance: Veranita Alvord, Brittany Ingold, Timothy Shepard and Brenda Whitcomb

Start time :

6:30PM

1. Opening Devotional

Video on "Hope" during the Holidays

2. Steve Hunting - discussion on adding "additional minutes" to the website from 10/14/24 meeting.

*APPROVED & adding to website

Need to sign : Addendum to Agreement between Sanctuary Counseling Group and BFUMC

3. Update on the DODT acquisition of "The Point" property and Coldwell Parking lot/College Plaza

- We have hired our new attorney (Lucy) since the last meeting.
- Our signed agreement : Broad street partners will pay us \$30,000 within the first year. We have the check but haven't deposited it yet
- Placing the signed agreement in several places throughout the church

4. Property and Grounds Committee/Parking Request (Eli McCall)

- Sisters of Mercy's contract with us is over this year (2024). They are currently requesting to lease 5-10 spots from us.
 - Send Sisters of Mercy a letter, letting them know that we will be cutting back. We will do a letter each year so that we have wiggle room
- Meeting with Brett at 10AM on 11.19.24 - They are asking to put a well on our property
- Painting project is completed, check is cut
- The Firewood Ministry is looking for a space in town to put their wood. 10x20 clearance for bundled wood.
 - Eli is working on finding a solution to help them. We could potentially help them place the wood on the front area of our parking lot on the concrete curve.
 - What entity wants this right? We need an agreement and letter.

- We need to speak with our insurance company and make sure our policy covers us - to ensure it doesn't increase our premium. Letter to our insurance agent

Notes from Eli McCall :

- Update on the **DOT acquisition/rental space** was given by Fred. (the church has hired legal counsel to represent us as the state's offer isn't close to the value of our property) This could go on most of next year with the project not set to go out to bid till Jan. 2026. We're in phase one once the project gets going.
- **Caldwell parking lot:** Fred reported we have a signed agreement in place with the developer next door and they've made their first payment to the church to start the lease agreement. Construction to begin Jan. 2025. We're working on keeping our road continuously open during construction with little impact to the church's operations.
- **Parking request:** Eli reported on the request from one of our other neighbors to lease 5-10 spaces for employee parking. Sisters of Mercy has an expiring lease and will be moving out in 2025. The new tenant made the request. The recommendation was made for the time being to hold off on any additional leases until we see how it goes. In the future if we decide to lease spaces it will be on an annual basis only.
- **Painting project** is complete with additional areas needing attention in the coming years (steeple, columns, wooden exterior doors, etc).
- **Firewood ministry:** Eli reported the request made for approximately a 10x20 fenced in area just off of the Caldwell parking lot (in the grass). They wish to have a wood storage lot in order for people to pull through and load up wood. No machinery and/or wood splitting would take place as this site. The board seemed open to the idea but had questions regarding insurance and coverage for potential accidents. This is something I need to get your feedback on as well. Would you be in favor of offering up this space?

Advertising

- Putting our Advent sign in the Co-Ed Cinema
 - Anna added that it would be a great way to get the word out about Crosstown as well **

5. Closed Session Personnel Team (Mike Harle)

- No minutes recorded due to privacy
 - Veranita Alvord and Brittany Ingold exit the room

6. Crossnore (Tanya Blackford)

- Subtitle : We want to build a trauma-resilient community over the next 5 years.
- Bounce, Don't Break
 - Building a trauma-resistant community

End Time :

8:30PM