

Grand Avenue UMC Trustee Meeting
May 20, 2024

Trustees Present: Bob Graff, David Guse, Lin Lohr, Dan Benning
Also in attendance: Sandy Grams, Nancy Haacke

Opened with a prayer from David Guse.

NEW BUSINESS

PARSONAGE: We have an application to rent the parsonage from the Peterson family, six children and one dog. Did a credit check – their score is low but they have no debt. They received a good reference from their former landlord. Will do a background check.

Rent will be \$1800/month. We will put \$200 of that into a maintenance account. (Point of reference: We spent \$2333 last year on the parsonage.)

Pam's family is clearing out the house and will hold an estate sale; date pending. We plan on them being out by the middle of June, so we have time to do any cleaning, repairs, etc. The Petersons would like to move in by the last day of June.

Adam Nichols will also mow the parsonage during this time.

GARDENS: Nancy Haacke reported on the following: Bob Griesmeyer had the front landscaped and will pay for flowers that are planted. The planter in front of the church – plastic tarp needs to be removed. Bob will check out to see what purpose the tarp serves. Hose and faucet need to be replaced for ease of use. Larry Maechtle continues to take care of the front entrance. Nancy will need someone to help Mary Downing with the watering as she will not be able to for most of the summer. Alternate plan would be to plant hostas and ferns as they will require less care.

PARKING LOT PARTY: June 8 from 4-7:00. Invite our neighbors from the nearby area. Lighthouse, Family Promise and Social Principles will have tables with information. Dan has received two grants to pay for the costs.

LIGHTHOUSE LEASE: The lease is currently \$1 per year, expiring the end of 2024. Will automatically renew if no changes are made. Lighthouse has requested that the restroom signage be changed from Men/Women to Unisex and that locks on the stall doors be changed. Bob is working on that. Lighthouse has also asked that they be given exclusive access to the FAC. This was tabled to the next meeting. They have also requested a new sign that states Lighthouse. We need to check if the city would allow. We would also want UMC to be on the sign.

CLEANING: Kelly is taking vacation week of June 14th and 3rd week in July. She also shared that the transition strip from wood floor to the carpet in the hallway is cracked and coming off. Also the sprayer on the garbage disposal does not fully retract. Bob and Dan will check.

LIGHT: Application has been given to WE Energies for a new light pole in the SW corner of parking lot.

FYI: Red flags and stakes in the back mark where WE will be taking down all the trees and shrubs on the hill.

OLD BUSINESS

TRUSTEE MEETING AND CHOIR CONFLICT: Dave put forward the idea that the trustees always meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Choir will meet prior to church on that Sunday. Dave will mention to the choir and Abigail for their input.

CHURCH SAFETY AND SECURITY: Will put committee together to advise and are working to put together a grant to cover costs.

CARPET ON THE ALTAR: Bob looked at the area where the carpet is coming apart. He will be able to nail it down.

Next meeting: To be decided – no June meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Lin Lohr