

Leadership Board, July 15, 2025

Attendees: Wynn Richardson, Jen Anderson, Bob Milligan, Brian Johnson, Raquel Maas, Monique Lindquist, Amy McQuaid-Swanson, Alan O'Donell, Ross Droogsma, Jerry Matchett. Online: Suzanne Sancilio, Pat Torgimson. Thelma Boeder, recorder.

Call to order (7:02 p.m.): Wynn Richardson, chair.

Pastor Jen read excerpts from the introduction in *Gone for Good? Negotiating the Coming Wave of Church Property Transition*, before leading us in prayer.

Consent Calendar items: All approved by consensus.

1. Team reports (Compassion & Justice, Facilities, Finance, Staff)
2. June 17, 2025, meeting minutes

Agenda: Accepted.

Annual Retreat, Saturday 8 a.m.-noon, August 23: Amy will see if we can meet at either Faith UMC, St. Anthony Village, or Peace UMC, Shoreview.

Welcome Sunday, September 7: Should Annika reserve a place for the Leadership Board at both campuses? Yes. Jerry at Roseville, Bob at SAP, and others welcome to join them.

Staff-Parish Relations Team Executive Session (7:14 p.m.-7:45 p.m.)

Facilities:

1. Ross reported that Ebenezer Community Church, based in Brooklyn Park, wants to rent our chapel Sunday mornings, 9:30-noon and Wednesday evenings, beginning August 1, for a new church start in this area. They toured the building before Whitney left for her leave, and she agrees with the plan. We will charge \$750/month. On Sundays, some people will arrive at 9:30 to set up for the service at 10:30. We agreed to this proposal by consensus. One question – can they put a sign on our property. Jen suggested talking with Marsha Linden; Roseville requirements are quite strict. The requirements can also be found on the city's website.
2. Ross said a second group might be interested in renting from us – no details yet.
3. The appraisal panel is scheduled for Aug. 5. What to do if it does not happen? Wynn reviewed our previous decision to pause taking legal action if the panel met in August or September. We should continue to honor that pause.

Finance:

1. Bob reported a lower insurance bill for the year, based on less coverage(\$5million), \$152,000 plus interest. He moved we pay the basic building policy over eight months. Seconded by Alan. Carried.

2. Bob distributed copies of his end of year projection. He thinks we can basically break even, assuming assistance from the Foundation to cover insurance. Jen suggested that we begin paying our apportionments. Bob moved that we pay six months of this year's apportionments and continue to pay a half of each month's portion through the rest of 2025. Seconded by Monique. Carried.
3. Bob distributed draft copies of a monthly financial summary. Would we like to have this each month as part of the larger monthly report? Yes, but make it two-sided in a larger font.
4. Do we need a designated Stewardship Team, something not specifically included in our structure? Though stewardship is closely related to finance, it should also include time and talents. Bob suggested creating a subcommittee led by one person from the finance team and a leader of one of the hubs. Jen asked that we postpone this discussion until Whitney returns, since the senior pastor leads the annual stewardship campaign.

Our Future Together:

1. Wynn noted that Bob and Sharon Danes are keeping track of the teams and their progress.
2. Monique reported for the Design Team. Four firms were interviewed and made proposals, but in formats difficult to compare. Jen asked each firm to rearrange their proposals in a format she provided. The design team hopes to choose two of the four for the board's consideration. After discussion, Wynn asked the board to be prepared to meet by Zoom at 7 p.m. on Thursday, August 24, if needed.
3. Brian reported that Dennis Batty offered a proposal for \$33,000 for his architectural firm to consider roof repair options. We agreed to wait until we choose a design firm before considering this proposal.
4. Bob said the Real Estate Team will meet next week to interview three realtors and decide on one. They hope to present a proposal to the Leadership Board in August.
5. Wynn reminded us of our goal to communicate regularly with the congregation. What can we report? List in bullet points recent positives: 1) lower insurance bill; 2) Ebenezer Community Church rental; 3) plan to pay apportionments; 4) appraisal panel scheduled; 5) Design Team work.

Wynn closed with thanks to all.

Adjourned (8:59 p.m.)

Thelma Boeder, recording secretary