

**WHITE SALMON SDA CHURCH**  
**Minutes of Combined Church Board and Business Meeting**  
**July 12, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Merrill Caviness, Deo Fisher (Chairman), Bessie Worf, Jim and Irene Hill, Kathy Leon, Margaret Ohlson, Jason and Rita Kipp, Ron and Lisa Nelson, Monte and Lisa Fus, Fudg and Paula Montgomery, Ken and Monika Drury, Carolyn and Solomon Bauman, Donna Petersen, Mitch and Beth Robison, Karen Fisher

OPENING PRAYER: Deo Fisher

INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW PASTOR, MERRILL CAVINESS: Pastor shared about his family, about his vision for his churches, and thoughts about how a church should operate taken from Acts 2:42-47.

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?</b>
<b>CLERK'S Report</b>	Minutes from the last business meeting held 6/16/19 & 6/20/19 and board minutes from 3/19/20 were reviewed.	VOTED to accept minutes as presented.	
<b>Membership Change Requests</b>	1) Request for membership transfer for Laura Calkins Caro to the Amity, Arkansas, SDA Church. 2) Recommendation for membership in the White Salmon SDA Church for Solomon Bauman following his baptism on July 3, 2020, by Pastor Steve Behrmann. 3) Letter from Michelle Beckner requesting to have her name removed from membership in the Seventh-day Adventist Church because of a change in her beliefs. (See attached letter.)	All requests were honored and VOTED. VOTED that Margaret Ohlson, Carolyn Bauman, and Lisa Nelson be appointed to represent the church in business session to reply to Michelle's letter expressing the love and regrets of the members gathered there.	Margaret Ohlson, Carolyn Bauman, Lisa Nelson
<b>TREASURER'S Report</b>	Treasurer's reports were presented for March, April, May, and June 2020. Several stated the need for on-line giving.	VOTED to accept financial statements as presented. VOTED to set up on-line giving for our church.	Bessie Worf
<b>2020/2021 Budget</b>	A new budget was proposed by the church finance committee, which results in a 3.41% decrease from the last budget. This was accomplished by backing off on some funds that are well-funded while adding to others that are underfunded. (See attached proposed budget.)	VOTED to accept the budget as proposed by the finance committee.	
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES Report</b>	Distributed for review.	No action taken.	

<p><b>PLANS FOR THE REOPENING OF THE CHURCH FOR WORSHIP.</b></p>	<p>It was agreed that we should begin the process of reopening our church as soon as possible, and that a committee should be formed to study the guidelines given by the State of Washington and the Oregon Conference of SDA's and to set the protocol that will be followed as we begin to meet together again. August 1 was presented as a target date for our first service. Pastor Caviness will forward a copy of the protocol which the Riverside Church is using.</p>	<p>VOTED: to establish a committee to work on the reopening process, the members of which are to be: (Safety Officer) Ken Drury, (Head Deacon) Monte Fus, (Head Deaconess) Margaret Ohlson, (Community Services Representative) Donna Petersen, (Medical Consultants) Mitch or Beth Robison. VOTED to empower them to make all plans for reopening without the need for calling the board back into session to vote on their plan. When they complete the preparations and notify the church, the church will open.</p>	<p>Ken Drury Monte Fus Margaret Ohlson Donna Petersen Mitch or Beth Robison</p>
<p><b>Vacation Bible School</b></p>	<p>Paula Montgomery reported that she is prepared with all the materials to hold VBS in August, 2020, but she realizes that it will not be possible this year.</p>		

**Next meeting: August 16, 2020**  
**Closing prayer: Mitch Robison**

**Date of approval of minutes \_\_\_\_\_**

**Deo Fisher, Board Chairman**

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**Karen Fisher, Assistant Clerk**

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