

WHITE SALMON SDA CHURCH
Church Board Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2020, 7p.m.

THOSE PRESENT: Pastor Merrill Caviness (Chairman), Bessie Worf, Kathy Leon, Jim Hill, Margaret Ohlson, Deo Fisher, Karen Fisher, Donna Petersen, Ken Drury, Monika Drury, Carolyn Bauman, Monte Fus

OPENING PRAYER AND WORSHIP THOUGHT: Pastor Caviness: "The Divine Shepherd"

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO IS RESPONS- IBLE?
Clerk's Report	Minutes from the October 18, 2020 board meeting were reviewed.	VOTED: to accept minutes as presented	
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's report for October was reviewed.	VOTED: to accept financial statements as presented.	
Sarah's acct.	There was a question about how money in Sarah VanHee's account should be paid out. There is an excess in there right now. The fact was brought up that all missionary accts are pass-through accounts now. If there is money building up, it should be disbursed to Sarah.	VOTED: to disburse \$750 to Sarah from her account.	Bessie Worf
Community Services Report	Report reviewed.		
Communication Team Report	Report reviewed. The potential of creating an updatable, live church directory on the private part of the church website was discussed.	VOTED: to give permission to the communication team to begin work on an updatable church directory on our website.	Communica- tion Team
Report on Internet Options	The Spectrum internet prices offered to our church were not the same as the ones voted on last meeting. We are being offered the business prices which are higher. It was agreed that since we have voted to head down the path of getting set up for the church to have its own live-streaming equipment, that we should therefore go ahead with signing up for the internet even at the increased price.	VOTED: for Bessie and Donna to get together and come up with the most economical way to get internet and phone service from Spectrum and to sign up for it.	Bessie Worf Donna Petersen
Church Insurance Rates Revisited	Bessie has not been able to get a clear answer on what our insurance payments will be for our church building insurance if we correct the square footage of our buildings. She was told by the Oregon Conference insurance personnel that she must give them a copy of the church board minutes stating our correct square footage. Then they will submit that to the insurers and they will decide our premium rates.	Bessie Worf is authorized to act in behalf of the White Salmon SDA Church to request that the incorrect square footage of our buildings be corrected on our insurance policy. Our corrected figures are: Church Building=7,616 Ft Sq Fellowship Hall Building=6,816 Ft Sq	Bessie Worf

Order and Length of Church Service	It was agreed that the pre-sermon elements of the church service should be timed for the sermon to begin by 11:30 so there is adequate time for the speaker to give the sermon without rushing.	An effort will be made by all to tighten up the pre-sermon elements.	All participants
Adjustments to be Made to be in Compliance with New Washington State Rules for Reopening.	New published guidelines for churches restrict congregational singing and musical groups. Soloists are allowed when following stated precautions.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Music committee will review the rules and form a plan to be in compliance while meeting our needs for music in our service. 2) We are removing any written permission for members to eat sack lunches together in the Fellowship Hall after church and suggest that groups not meet in homes to eat after church during this restricted time. 3) Head deaconess will see if there is a way to experience a COVID-19 safe communion service in January. A report will be made to the board in December. 4) VOTED to authorize the AV team to purchase a boom for the microphone so proper distancing can be maintained between the person holding the microphone and the one speaking into it during congregational responses. 	Carolyn Bauman Monika Drury Margaret Ohlson Solomon Bauman
Health Outreach	Health Ministry committee wishes to begin some health emphasis activities. If meetings like we have had in the past are not permissible, they would like to have some regular health nuggets, possibly in the Friday News Email or on the church website.	Pastor requests that a Personal Ministries Council meeting be scheduled before the next board meeting to lay out a pathway of events leading up to our evangelistic meetings a year from now. This would include health education events.	Kathy Leon Margaret Ohlson

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Caviness.

Next meeting: December 20, 2020

Board Chairman: Pastor Merrill Caviness _____

Minutes by: Karen Fisher, Assistant Clerk _____

Date Approved: _____