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BUMC GOVERNANCE BOARD

Mary Fisher, Member

Sunday, May 21, 2023 – Church-wide Vote of Governance Model & Governance Board Meeting

An annual church-wide meeting was held after our 11:00 AM services to vote on the continuation of our one-board governance model. David Simon called the meeting to order. Kenny Beauvais, Lay Leader, gave the history of why we moved to the one Governance Board Model in 2018-2019 from the separate boards as previously used in past years. A motion was made by Gay Gaskins to continue with this model and John Hubbard seconded it. No questions were asked, and a vote was taken by secret ballot. The votes were tallied. The vote outcome was approval for the governance board to continue until the next vote in May 2024.

The Governance Board meeting was held at 4:00 PM in Pearce Hall. The items of business were as follows:

- ◆ Minutes of the April meeting were approved.
- ◆ The Nominating group advised that we needed to fill Amy Watts's vacancy on the governance board since she now serves as the Business Administrator. Suggestions were made and a motion was made and approved that Amy Sudduth would be her replacement beginning in June 2023.
- ◆ The financial report was given by Amy Watts. Revenue for April was up from last year and up from March of this year. We have had a slight increase in pledge gifts and some members paid their pledges for the full year as well as Easter offerings. Overall, revenues are in line with what was projected for the month. Expenses were down slightly. Staff have been very diligent in holding down their expenses.
- ◆ A motion was made by Kenny Beauvais to proceed with the window tinting, with reimbursement from a grant if approval is given. Stewart Rose seconded the motion.
- ◆ Amy shared that pledge balance statements for 1st quarter were sent to those members who had started giving for the year. A suggestion was made to Amy by Kenny Beauvais to review the historical timing of pledge gifts and expenses from a 5-year period to have a better monthly budget estimate going forward.
- ◆ Currently, BUMC has 8 accounts with the United Methodist Foundation. Some are true endowments with a limited use of funds while other accounts do not have restrictions. A proposal was made to make changes to consolidate funds into fewer accounts and name the accounts more clearly, to express their usage. Also, it was proposed that the church adopt a policy to maintain a target balance in our local bank checking account with the excess funds being sent to the Foundation to earn a greater return for BUMC.
- ◆ Attendance stats were reviewed. Average worship attendance was down just a bit, but could be due to members on vacations and year-end school activities. We did have 4 new members join our church along with an increase in the number of visitors.
- ◆ LA Annual Conference is being held in Baton Rouge, June 13-16.

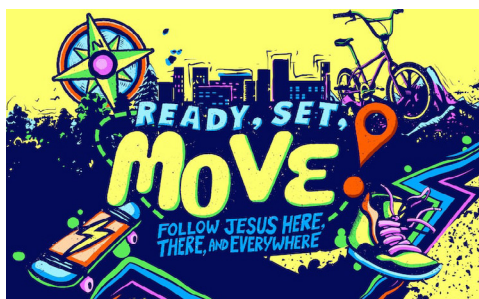
The next governance board meeting will be held on June 25 at 4:00 PM in Pearce Hall. The change in date was due to the LA Annual Conference being the week of June 12.

Cheerfully in Christ,
Mary Fisher



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KRISTIN NELSON AT KRISTIN@BROADMOORUMC.ORG



Save the Date for Ready, Set, Move! Vacation Bible School - July 18th-20th from 9:30-12.

Kids will learn to follow Jesus here, there, and everywhere. This is an engaging, strategic, fun-filled time to help students remember how God's Word fits into their everyday lives using examples from the New Testament. Our scripture focus during our time together will be Hebrews 12:2; "Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the one who started this journey of faith. And he is the one who completes the journey of faith." Cost is \$8 per child.

For more information on how you can help make Ready, Set, Move an awesome experience for our kids, please contact Kristin Nelson in the church office or by email kristin@broadmoorumc.org



YOUTH MINISTRIES

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KYLE BOSTON AT KYLE@BROADMOORUMC.ORG



Due to the summer holding many activities, we are having to miss a few Sundays for UMY. So that we continue to meet on a regular basis, we have put together game days for our students to continue to meet. We will have snacks, activities, and time to hang out with one another. We hope you will join us on June 13th for Tie Dye and Jackbox and on the 20th for Ice Cream and some classic basement games. See you then!



Celebrating Community with Compassion

On May 16th, a group of women celebrated the community of Gingerbread House. So much good goes on there for children who have been in abusive or other kinds of experiences to talk in safe situations. We invited Lacie Hadley as our speaker.

She was excellent, and we learned many things about how things work to keep children in a safe place as they express their feelings or relate what has happened. **Our group donated \$412.00 towards the program.** We also gave 26 packets for children to have when they are waiting for their appointments and also something they can take home, as well. Everyone brought a salad to share for dinner. They were all different and very good. We invited Lacie Hadley to join us for our salad buffet. A good time was had by all! It was sponsored by UWF as a community outreach.

MISSION UPDATES



St. Luke's
EPISCOPAL CHURCHES OF NORTHWEST, LA

Mobile Medical Ministry

MISSION OF THE MONTH – JUNE 2023

St. Luke's Episcopal Medical Ministry is a mobile medical ministry in Northwest Louisiana. Using a medical RV, it provides free preventive health screenings, basic health services, health education, and medical referrals on a regular basis to the underserved in the rural and urban Louisiana communities of Caddo, Bossier, Webster, Desoto, and Claiborne parishes.

In our Mission of the Month, we will be supporting this effort in a number of ways:

- ◆ First, we are promoting, educating, and raising awareness of this ministry to our congregation to make us cognizant of their work in our community.
- ◆ On June 11th, the St. Luke's Medical Ministry RV will be onsite for our members to tour.
- ◆ We are also raising awareness of the volunteer opportunities within this ministry.
- ◆ Lastly, we are collecting these items for the clients of this ministry.
 - o Insect repellent
 - o Sunscreen/sunblock
 - o Simple small plastic ponchos

You may bring these items to our normal drop-off points around the church. Visit the ministry website to learn more: <https://www.stlukesmedicalministry.org/index.html>.



Broadmoor United Methodist Paid Singer Program

For years BUMC had a relationship with Centenary College where designated donations supported a program that offered "scholarships" to Centenary students to sing in the Chancel Choir. Over the past few years the enrollment at Centenary has dwindled and this has affected the Centenary Choir greatly. Due to this we are unable to rely on Centenary to provide us with students to sing. I believe that employing local professional musicians to sing in our choir not only benefits our Chancel Choir and church but also benefits those local musicians and gives them the opportunity to stay in our area by supplementing their income. These singers sing solos regularly in church, act as section leaders, helping those around them to sing their best, and have added a diversity to our church and choir that is priceless. It goes without saying that without these singers the quality of our traditional music program would suffer greatly!

When I arrived at BUMC in 2015, the costs had become an issue with less and less funding from designated donors. I sustained the program for a few years solely on designated donations. When Covid hit and we weren't allowed to have more than 10 singers in the choir loft, the paid singers became even more vital to the sustainability of our worship services. A group of 10 amateur singers would not have been able to provide quality music week-in and week-out. Also the average age of our amateur singers would put them in the "high-risk" category for Covid. This is why we opted at that time to use the paid singers solely. The costs of this became an issue and it is funding for which we haven't recovered.

I believe that the value of this program has proved itself time and time again over my eight years at BUMC. We currently employ three high school music teachers, an elementary school music teacher, a psychology graduate student, a collegiate academic advisor, and a recent Centenary College graduate. These employees also represent some of the only people of color in our congregation.

Over the coming months you will see opportunities to contribute to this vital program of our church. However, you are welcome to donate to this program at any time by designating your gift "paid singer program." Our current pay rate is comparable to other churches in our area. For one service and one rehearsal our singers are paid \$85 a week. If you are able to sponsor a singer or multiple singers your efforts would be greatly appreciated! As always, any questions about this program or any other music related questions can be directed to me, Adam Philley, at adam@broadmoorumc.org.

Adam Philley

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MEMORIALS

CARILLON BELLS

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Mary Ann Breedlove* from Dr. & Mrs. Craig Miller, Toni & Jeff Thompson

RESERVE

IN MEMORY OF:

- ♦ *Don Sibley* from Mr. & Mrs. Claude Bookter
- ♦ *Jariel Jones* from Sandra & Bob Williamson

SUMMER STUDY

Please join Rev. Dr. Wybra Price in a pastor's study on the books of Galatians, Ephesians, and Philippians. This study begins on June 21st at 10 AM or 6 PM in Room 200. Cost to attend is \$20.

Please sign up by emailing office@broadmoorumc.org or calling the church during office hours.

WELCOME

Welcome to Our New Member!

Margaret Anderson



It was you who set all the boundaries of the earth; you made both summer and winter.

PSALM 74:17

ROOFING PROJECT AT NANIH CHITO

Plans are underway to roof the three buildings at Nanih Chito UMC in Wright City, Oklahoma. The dates are September 8th and 9th. Rain dates are the next weekend, September 15th and 16th. Save the dates if you are planning to participate. We also have some painting to finish as well.

We need two more people who have done metal roofing in some capacity, which will provide someone to guide each project. We need teams to follow their directions and to lift the materials to scaffolding and then to the roof. We also need another set of scaffolding. Safety is our motto!

We have had wonderful team members on our other projects at Nanih Chito. Hopefully we are adding a few more to the team to accomplish our goals. If you are interested, email Diane Valentine, at dkvtopper1@bellsouth.net or church at office@broadmoorumc.org and leave your name and phone number.

There is Safe Sanctuary training and background checks that need to be completed as well as other paper work to meet requirements for a VIM (Volunteer In Missions) trip. This is required for the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. **We need to have our team in place and trained by August 21st.** Come join us as we complete our roofing mission!

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS POSSIBLE!

TITHES & OFFERINGS

- BUMC WEBSITE** | broadmoorumc.org/give
- DIRECT DEPOSIT** | Call office at 318-861-0586 & talk to Amy Watts or click on Direct Deposit Form, fill out the PDF form & mail to BUMC
- SNAIL MAIL** | Mail to: BUMC, 3715 Youree Drive, Shreveport, LA 71105