

Draft 9/10/26 minutes

Clay Andrew present

Board present: Peter Brown (chair), Beverly Cramer, Ken Kramer, Kay Lutze, Wende Milner, Jake Petrijanos, Marty Stiven, Connelly Woody

Also present: Jim Wilson, Heidi Chang for presentation of opinions re display of American Flag at LOUMC.

Absent: Joan Sakaguchi

Items between July and Sept board meetings:

8/20/26 zoom meeting approved Elevator repair/update with TKE estimate \$120,000 and finish getting the final details on the electrical proposal.

Both the Escalation Expense Policy and the Gift Acceptance Policy are available for reference on the LOUMC website under About<News< Policies listed

Pastor's Report

2 services to resume 9/13

Liz has begun her new position as Intergenerational Leader. The Liz led summer camps netted \$5,000 and Clay and Liz will come up with proposals for spending this income. Liz also may make camp days available during school vacation days to assist parents with childcare options.

The first Reconciling Town Hall was held. The next step in the Reconciling process will be a survey and a possible second town hall to address remaining concerns. No vote projected before November.

Groups forming include "Questions" with Clay and Donna Meinhard at Mary's Woods, Heidi's young adult group continues with 8-10 participants

Clay has been nominated to serve on the UM Higher Education Foundation, a national organization supporting scholarships for college students.

Old Business

Elevator Update:

TKE updated the estimate for their portion of the elevator repair to \$70,000 with \$38,000 due at the end of September. Ken will contact them about start date and timing of payment.

There will be a separate electrical work estimate expected from two different contractors that TKE does business with. Those electrical quotes are pending. The split system AC should be thought of as a requirement for the elevator power space.

West Linn Community Preschool lease update:

CW and KK met with the WLCP board and a one year lease is out for signature for \$1000/mo with a one year option to renew at \$1,100/mo. WLCP storage space was discussed. No further contention expected at this point. New lease with no addendums. Renewal option is by mutual consent, not guaranteed. We are looking to see if South Shore is going to expand, keep options open. They are in the janitor closet, they need to take their stuff out of it. In the hall, only things specifically written into the lease.

LOUMC Storage Areas

Yellow preschool storage room may have Southshore preschool items in storage and CW will ask them about this. SS has a lease signed through next year. In reviewing the preschool storage spaces, CW and KK determined that there are LOUMC storage spaces that need to be reviewed with the groups associated with the items in storage. When the Holiday Bazaar sets up we will ask organizers to assess what needs to be purged. KK volunteered to index the boxes of documents in the PGE room.. Stacey to be consulted about document relevance and CA will check UM rules about saved documents. CA volunteered to direct the worship team storage space assessment.

2026 Budget:

Joan and Stacey are still working to get us to a point of regular status reporting. QB is performing an audit of our use to see which QB product is most appropriate for our needs. CA stated that the benefit of Realm accounting is that the record of giving would tie into our accounting rather than having to enter those numbers two times. Quickbooks does not have a good giving app, so Realm really is where that needs to stay

2027 Budget:

KK recommends having this in place by the end of October. CA states that the office and program people have been told to submit budget requests by the end of October. KK thinks end of October for 2027 budget is necessary. Trustees: he gets great input from Jon Gice for church, nothing for parsonage (for operating, not capital) Grounds: we need an actual budget for that, especially irrigation. Meeting this Saturday after mancakes to discuss this.

Endowment/Financial Restructuring:

See CA document "Funding for the Mission and Ministry of LOUMC" and CW Endowment Doc 7-9-26 option #3. In order to change the spending parameters of the endowment an all church conference must vote to approve. In order to establish the appropriate language for this proposal CW will contact Doug Cushing and Jeff Mattern. This all church conference vote may not occur until January.

Per CA congregations are generally not funding all of their ministry from their giving. That model no longer works. Many churches are sharing pastoral appointments. Younger families have less money to give than previously. Changing the endowment should be done via an all church conference, not charge conference (not a requirement, but CA recommendation). PB: go to the congregation with one request regarding the endowment, and not go back again. That one thing would be a combination of CA #2 and CW #3 (endowment doc 7-9-26). CW: use the finance team, plus Doug Cushing, Jeff Mattern. Modify the docs accordingly. CA: we could call a separate all church conference just for this, and not be up against the 11/22/26 deadline. Perhaps in January. The fall conference will have several items on the agenda. CW will reach out to the appropriate people to do this. CA proposed date for church/charge conference. Ministry candidates, pastor salary, endowment modification (if ready). Don't wrap reconciling vote into it. 11/15 or 11/17? Call it all church, 7 pm.

CA proposing 11/17 7pm for charge conference to approve pastor salary, ministry candidates, endowment modification (if ready). Will not include Reconciling vote.

2027 Board:

Kay Lutze will finish her term in 2026. Ken has finished his term and is weighing next steps. His involvement may take the form of continued participation in the building ministry, rather than staying on the board as a trustee. Jake finished his 1 year term and is weighing next steps. CA chairs the nominating committee. CA will check with Collins Retreat Center re availability for Jan '27. Last two weekends of January are possibilities. Ken: PB did all the prep work last time, maybe other members should have preparation homework to contribute more.

There was some discussion about not taking an entire weekend, maybe just a long Saturday, or only one overnight.