

WHITE SALMON SDA CHURCH
Church Board Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2020, 7p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Merrill Caviness, Ken Drury, Mitch and Beth Robison, Deo and Karen Fisher, Jim and Irene Hill, Kathy Leon, Ron and Lisa Nelson, Donna Petersen, Bessie Worf

OPENING PRAYER AND WORSHIP THOUGHT: Pastor Caviness

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?
Clerk's Report	Minutes from the August 16 board meeting were reviewed. Notice was given of Ed and Cheryl Grant's desire to transfer their membership from the Stevenson, WA, church to the White Salmon church.	VOTED to accept minutes as presented. Voted to recommend the transfer pending arrival of letter of recommendation from Stevenson church.	Linda Calkins, clerk, will initiate the process.
Treasurer's Report	Treasurer's report for August was reviewed.	VOTED to accept financial statements as presented.	
Discussion on Finance	Finance committee recommended that \$50,000 of the money in the local bank account should be transferred to the North Pacific Union Conference Association Revolving Fund in order to earn a higher rate of interest.	VOTED: to request the treasurer to initiate the transfer as requested.	Bessie Worf
Community Services Report	Bessie and Donna report that community services visitor numbers are about up to what they were before the COVID-19 closure.		
Ministry Council Report	Kathy reports that Pastor Caviness requested that we do 4 things. 1) Establish a group who will give Bible Studies. 2) Establish a group who will do visitation. 3) watch MaxLife Events. 4) Share on Facebook invitations to MaxLife Events. Pastor said the Conference has a program of matching funds for sending out advertisement for MaxLife to zip codes in our area.	VOTED: to use up to \$1000 from the personal ministries account to be used with matching funds from the conference for the purpose of advertising for the upcoming MaxLife evangelistic events.	Pastor will f/u with conference to ascertain total amount needed.
Report on Church WIFI	Irene Hill reported for Margaret that Spectrum would be the company to give internet service that is appropriate for live streaming. The Introductory price is \$121.97 per month, locked in for 24 months then increasing by \$40/month.	Mitch will ask for advice from Jonathan Behrmann who has been doing the live-streaming. He is good at finding good deals and knows just what is needed.	Mitch Robison

Followup on rental agreement with Classical Connections homeschooling group.	The group met for the first time last Monday. Jessica is no longer the leader of the group but will be the liaison between CC and our church. Jennifer Evans is the new director.		
Selection of names to recommend for elder to replace Michael Allen	Mitch Robison reported that the board of elders has reviewed the elder situation and in light of Jim Hill's delayed departure to Thailand and in light of the soon return of Fred Bauman from Wyoming they feel that the need is not so critical now and can be delayed, possibly until the next nominating committee meets.	VOTED: to recommend Jim Hill as Elder.	Referred to church for vote after first and second readings have been in bulletin.
Need for Director of Communication Committee to replace April Allen	Karen Fisher was asked if she would be the Communications Director. She expressed a desire to be Co-Director with Beth Robison.	VOTED to recommend to the church that Karen and Beth be Co-Directors of the Communication Team.	Referred to church for vote after first and second readings have been in bulletin.
Reopening Process	Pastor Caviness reported that the conference has removed the restriction of 90 minute services. That means that we can add Sabbath School back.	The Reopening committee was tasked with producing guidelines for Sabbath School attendance with target date of 10/3.	Ken Drury and Reopening Committee
Report on MACS	Ken Drury reported: They can't teach in person but the school can provide day care for kids under 12. The children are in a Zoom center in the gym. Teachers Zoom with both students at home and daycare children in the gym from their classrooms.		
Church general workbee	A general work bee will be held at the church for Fall cleanup on Oct. 11.		Monte and Margaret
Stevenson Church status	Pastor reported that the Stevenson church membership has dropped to unsustainable numbers. They are basically operating as a community service center. They are still able to support themselves at this time, but the conference is recommending that they go to company status instead of church status. They would operate as a church plant of another church. Pastor asked us to think about whether we would like to be the church that they are associated with.	To be discussed further at a later board meeting.	

Meeting closed with prayer by Pastor Caviness.

Next meeting: October 18, 2020

Board Chairman: Pastor Merrill Caviness _____

Minutes by: Karen Fisher, Assistant Clerk _____

Date Approved: _____