

**WHITE SALMON SDA CHURCH**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 16, 2020**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Pastor Merrill Caviness, Ken Drury, Mitch and Beth Robison, Michael and April Allen, Deo and Karen Fisher, Jim Hill, Kathy Leon, Margaret Ohlson, Ron and Lisa Nelson, Carolyn Bauman, Donna Petersen, Jessica Crone

OPENING PRAYER AND WORSHIP THOUGHT: Pastor Caviness

<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>	<b>WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?</b>
<b>Clerk's Report</b>	Minutes from the combined business/board meeting 7/12/20 were reviewed	VOTED to accept minutes as presented.	
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Treasurer's report for July was reviewed.	VOTED to accept financial statements as presented.	
<b>Discussion on Finance</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bessie asked if the board wishes to put more of the church funds into the Union Revolving Fund, which would be at a higher interest than in the local bank.</li> <li>2. Bessie is working with the conference to set up online giving. That should be completed soon.</li> <li>3. Some asked if we could use some of our evangelistic funds for outreach.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Board requested that the finance committee meet and bring recommendations to the next board meeting.</li> <li>2. Bessie will continue the process.</li> <li>3. Board requested that the Ministry Council meet and bring recommendations to the board.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Lisa Nelson</li> <li>2. Bessie Worf</li> <li>3. Kathy Leon</li> </ol>
<b>Jessica Crone's Request for use of Church</b>	Jessica Crone requests use of our church and fellowship hall on Mondays for Classical Conversations, a Christian homeschooling program that she is the local leader for, starting September 14. Jessica stated that they will do their best to follow COVID-19 regulations, leave the spaces clean that they have used, and will treat the sanctuary with reverence. (Letter of request attached)	VOTED: to invite Jessica to hold Classical Conversations meetings in our church on Mondays. Ammendment #1: Voted that CC will pay \$900 for a year of use. Ammendment #2: Voted that Jessica be given keys to the church and fellowship hall.	
<b>Internet/Wifi at Church</b>	Request was made by Pastor Caviness to have internet and wifi at the church. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Concerns expressed:</li> <li>2. The need to set up controls so that it can't be used to go onto questionable sites.</li> <li>3. Cost</li> </ol>	VOTED: to look into best companies and prices and to report to the board next month for further discussion.	Margaret Ohlson

<b>Church Reopening Assessed</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. New guidelines require face masks or face shields for those on the platform and those leading the singing.</li> <li>2. Some felt that a sign which had been put on the church door sounded threatening.</li> <li>3. Idea of having a soup kitchen expressed by Margaret Ohlson.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Information received.</li> <li>2. Ken will replace the sign.</li> <li>3. Will be revisited in a later board meeting.</li> </ol>	<p>Ken Drury</p> <p>Margaret Ohlson</p>
<b>Order of service for short services</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Request for a printed order of service so that those with responsibilities will know what they are to do.</li> <li>2. The need for something to interest the young people was expressed.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mitch will meet with the music coordinators to clarify order of service.</li> <li>2. It was agreed that there will be a short children's story and a short mission story added to the service.</li> </ol>	<p>Mitch Robison</p> <p>Carolyn Bauman</p> <p>Margaret Ohlson</p> <p>Ray Petersen</p>
<b>Need for more elders</b>	<p>A need for more elders was expressed. It is hoped that two more elders can be selected.</p>	<p>The following list of possibilities was created. Board members are to pray about this and arrange the list in the order of their preference before the next meeting.</p> <p>List: Ron Nelson, Jason Kipp, Daryl Allen, Royce Graham, Ken Drury</p>	
<b>Need for Head of Communications Committee to replace April</b>	<p>April suggested Beth Robison and Karen Fisher for this position. She would be available at a distance to assist. Jessica Crone also agreed to help with the transition.</p>	<p>Beth and Karen agreed to carry the responsibilities this month to see how it goes. The board can further address this in the next meeting.</p>	<p>Beth Robison</p> <p>Karen Fisher</p>

**Meeting closed with a prayer for Michael and April and children and for God's leading in the selection of elders.**

**Next meeting: September 20, 2020**

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

**Board Chairman, Pastor Merrill Caviness** \_\_\_\_\_

**Assistant Clerk, Karen Fisher** \_\_\_\_\_