

One Board Agenda and Reports

Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Friendship Room

If possible, join the meeting in-person, but it will also be available by Zoom.

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Board Agenda

6:00 pm Opening Prayer - Camille Wescott

6:00 pm Spiritual Formation

Spiritual Disciplines -Pastor John Nash

6:15 pm Equipping Leadership

Draft our leadership covenant – Camille Wescott

Review the leadership structure, meeting format, etc. in notebook

Discuss Retreat dates

New name for our board

6:30 pm Engagement – Pastor John

6:40 pm Approval of minutes

November Board meeting and Retreat minutes

December Board meeting minutes

January Board meeting minutes

6:45 pm Elect Chair of Finance

6:50 pm Finances

Review Financial report and discuss

Budget Discussion

7:15 pm Goal Review & Accountability Conversation - Pastor John Nash

7:25 pm Discuss future topics for Spiritual Formation and Equipping Leadership

7:35 pm Communications to Congregation – Don Casperson

Closing Prayer – Don Casperson

Reports

Pastor's Report – Pastor John

1. The forgiveness series was very well received, and people have said they would like to have more like that. But I don't really know what that means. I am always open to worship series ideas, but do need something specific to be addressed.
2. Right now my series after Easter will be "The Knots of Jesus", looking at the things Jesus tells us not to do.
 - a. Our film series I'm thinking about movies about food, as Jesus eats with people a lot.
 - b. If you would like to recommend a film for consideration, please let me know.
3. The Bishop has officially called for a special annual conference to vote on churches seeking to disaffiliate in May.
 - a. Normal conference will be in June in Las Cruces.
4. Our night to support the Lenten program will be March 9.

- a. We will provide the meal.
- b. First Light and I will lead worship.
- c. Phillip and I will also be leading a class for the program on the deconstructive faith “movement.”
- 5. The youth will be leading worship the Sunday after Easter, 2-16-23, when I am off.
- 6. I don’t know what vacation time I will take during the summer.
 - a. I may need three consecutive weeks in November.
 - I. We are scheduled to go to New York in November
 - II. There is the possibility for a trip for Linda and I to Anchorage the week Nov 12-18, although that’s still up in the air.
 - III. and will be off November 19 and 26.
- 7. We had some issues with an upgrade to our web hosting company that caused our website to go down. We got it fixed, but need to move that to a front burner issue.
- 8. We have received information from Gabe to upgrade our streaming process.
 - a. I need to talk it over with Phillip so we can make some decisions on what we might recommend being done.
- 9. The Ark is receiving bids for capital improvements to spend a grant they have received.
 - a. I hope that we will have that information for the March meeting to approve the priorities that the Ark Board has set.
- 10. I will have one name to be approved for the Ark Board as an act of nominations.
 - a. We still have more work to be done for nominations.

Ark - Shanice Ramos

- 1. Mask Mandate Update
- 2. Enrollment is at 78 students
- 3. Full time availability -
 - a. 1 Koala (2.5-3 yr.) opening
 - b. 2 Giraffe (school age) openings,
 - i. with 1 more teacher we could add an additional 15 students.
- 4. Will start planning for the summer program next week with Giraffe teacher.
- 5. Job Fair on March 11th
 - a. A table has been reserved for the Ark – we need more staff
- 6. Grant Spending Plans:
 - a. Plumbing
 - b. Cameras & Security
 - c. Playground resurfacing

Church Building

- 1. The Los Alamos Fire Inspector did a building inspection on February 6, 2023 and we had a few things to improve.
 - a. We had two WIFI routers and televisions that were plugged in using extension cords, which is not allowed as a permanent solution.
 - i. Barry from Barry’s electric came out and installed 4 electrical outlets high on the wall so these devices could be plugged in without using extension cords.
 - b. Our fire box needs an inspection - which is scheduled for 3/1 between 8:00-10:00 a.m.
 - c. Three emergency lights in the education wing are not working.
 - i. Julie will have the electrician look at these.
 - d. The Kitchen hood needed an inspection and cleaning.
 - i. Randy, from Fire Safety Service, came out and inspected the hood everything passed.

- ii. The inspectors looked at the hood and there is no build up in the shoots but, we can run the filters through the dish washer.
 - 1. I spoke to Rafael about doing this and he will take care of it, having worked in the food industry he is was familiar with the process to clean.
- 2. The doorknob and lock on the door in the Friendship room have been replaced by Rafael.
 - a. The new code is the same as the old code.
- 3. We have also had Barry look at lighting in the sanctuary.
 - a. The panel that controls the lights for the stage was replaced in the fall but, now the lights are not able to be dimmed or controlled in the AV area.
 - b. Waiting to hear back from Barry.

Crisis and Caring – Carol Mead

- 1. Memorial receptions were held for Herald Kruse and Frances Naffziger.
- 2. We are working on completing our list of family contacts for our senior seniors for just in case needs.

Connecting (Lay leader) – no lay leader currently.

Faith Development – Phillip Ortega

- 1. Programming Night
 - a. Averaging 45 people per night
 - b. Overwhelmingly positive feedback from head and heart classes
 - c. Lenten Prayer Series starts 2/26
 - d. Starting TO-GO meals which were positively received
- 2. Future
 - a. Discipleship/Confirmation to start post Easter/Spring Break
 - b. Inter-Generational VBS plans for Late-Summer
- 3. Children and Youth
 - a. Exploring 2-3 visits to Aspen Ridge
 - b. Summer Camp Preparations
 - c. Excellent Youth Devotional in Ecumenical Lenten Devotional
- 4. Deconstruction Series
 - a. As a part of the Ecumenical Community Lenten Series Pastor John and Phillip will lead a study series on Deconstruction

Fellowship – Carol Mead

A group from FUMC enjoyed the musical “Matilda” on 2-10-23 in support of several cast members from FUMC.

Missions Team – Camille Wescott

- 1. Our goal for this year is to provide fish when needed, but also teach people how to fish.
- 2. We are working on revamping the Medanales Christmas Box Project. We will share more details as our planning evolves throughout the year.
- 3. Food donations into the cart by the front door will be divided between LA Cares and our food pantry.
 - a. In general, foods which require little or no preparation will go in our food pantry.
 - b. Foods which require preparation, are large or heavy, or are near expiration date will go to LA Cares.
- 4. We are considering a long-term local missions project such as providing computer support for those who need help filling out forms to receive assistance, financial literacy classes, or basic life skill classes.
 - a. The direction we go will be determined by interest and time investment available from the congregation.

5. There is over \$20,000 in the Aaron's Kids account.
 - a. The schools no longer need meals, only snacks.
 - b. Jim Little has been bringing the snacks to the high school counselors.
 - c. With input from Peggy Goldman, the missions team decided the money will be used for any projects for kids and hunger.
 - i. This will include keeping our food pantry stocked consistently.

SPRC – no report

Trustees – no report

United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith – Carol Mead

1. Our next All Booked Up discussion will be "I'm Still Here" on March 8.
2. Create and Discover sewed heart pillows for our 16 shut-ins and stay close to home folks.
 - a. Several people added valentines, including the Preschool Sunday School Class.
3. We have decided to discontinue our Days for Girls sewing.
4. Martha Circle sent a love offering for ministries in the Ukraine and encouraged the congregation to join them.
5. Three women attended the Lutheran Advocacy Day in Santa Fe to learn about state bills we should support this session.
6. The Girls' Leadership Retreat at McCurdy to be held this past weekend was cancelled.

Worship – no report