

**Leadership Board Meeting Agenda and Reports**  
**First United Methodist Church of Los Alamos, NM**  
**June 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm**  
**FUMC - Friendship Room**

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

Join Zoom Meeting

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**Board Agenda**

- 6:00 pm Opening Prayer - Don Casperson
- 6:00 pm Spiritual Formation & Equipping Leadership
- 6:15 pm Engagement with congregation
  - Update from annual conference meeting - Don & Pastor John
  - Update on welcoming statement for web page
- 6:35 pm Approval of minutes
- 6:40 pm Review Financial report
- 6:50 pm Reports - topics that need further discussion?
- 6:55 pm Technology Upgrades - Pastor John & Phillip
- 7:05 pm Goal Review & Accountability Conversations - Pastor John & Lynn
  - Set date for Opportunity Expo
  - Set tentative time for board retreat
  - Lay Leadership team/ Nomination Committee news
- 7:25 pm Communications to Congregation – Nathaniel
  - Closing Prayer – Nathaniel Morgan

The next meeting will be in August; however July reports will be requested on **July 20, 2023** then send out.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 6:00 pm

**Reports Due by:** Thursday, August 17, 2023

**One Board Reports**

**Pastor's Report – Pastor John Nash**

1. I've heard good response to our summer fellowship activities, and we've had good attendance.
  - a. We have some open dates in July that we are still looking to fill.
    - i. One of those days may be another hike,
    - ii. Valerie is looking to coordinate a bowling "adventure".
    - iii. We will also probably do another pool party.
  - b. The ones we do have scheduled are
    - i. a trip to the zoo
    - ii. going to see Oppenheimer at SALA. The movie date and time are still to be coordinated.
2. Our Star Wars series begins this week with our first showing on Wednesday evening at SALA.
  - a. Attending the movie is free, although we will ask for potential donations to help cover the cost.
  - b. We will also have to clean up the theater after the movie is done.
  - c. They will all be shown at SALA except for the week of July 24<sup>th</sup> because SALA is showing Oppenheimer in every theater that week.

- d. The public is welcome to attend the movies, although we cannot advertise that for copyright reasons.
  - e. We will also have all the movies available on our website and those will be password protected. The password is movie.
3. Leticia Chavez-Paulette will be our guest preacher on July 16<sup>th</sup>. She is the founder and executive director for A Peaceful Habitation, which is a program to help women transition out of prison back into the world.
  - a. Camille has offered up her guest room for her for that weekend, so thank you to Camille for putting us in touch with her as well as that hospitality.
4. We will be going through the review process with the staff starting in the next few weeks.
  - a. Any raises that are given out will go into effect July 1.
5. We have made offers for both the assistant director position with the Ark and for the bookkeeper and they have been accepted. We have not made any announcements yet, but should be able to say who they are on Tuesday.
  - a. The new bookkeeper will be training with Amy over the month of July, and Amy will also be available to assist after her move.
6. I have a potential calendar for worship series mapped out for the fall and into the spring, although they are not definite yet. One of the series before Advent will be on Revelation, and Advent will be on the Ghosts of Christmas (past, present, future).
7. Some of you may be aware that the Labs are opening their own childcare program with spots for 100 students.
  - a. Linda has told me that UNM-LA is doing the same, although she doesn't know if they are doing that in coordination with the lab or if it is separate.
  - b. I don't think they are going to make their scheduled opening in the fall, but this is still a "threat" to us.
    - i. What the labs were told when we initially began meeting with them, when we thought they were being good neighbors and partners, was that all the preschools in Los Alamos and White Rock have around 100 openings.
      1. If that still holds, and another 100 places become available, presumably with many/most lab parents going there,
      2. combined with universal pre-k, which will soon also include 3-year-olds,
      3. I do wonder about the continued viability of the Ark without some significant rethinking of what we do and who we serve.
8. I presented to the County Council last week on behalf of the Library Board.
  - a. The drag issue continues to be an issue, although the positive support has been much more than the negative comments we have received. I think this was surprising to many people.
  - b. While I have one more year to serve on the board, I will be done as chair in October.
  - c. The other boards/commissions I was on for the county have all ended.
9. I've already commented on most of my thoughts about Annual Conference, but we will have time for Don and I to answer any questions you may have about what happened. By request, I did publish a list of all the churches that have disaffiliated in the last newsletter.
  - a. Annual Conference for the next two years will be held in Albuquerque.
10. Nominations is aware of the work we still must do, but we have not scheduled a meeting yet.
11. I hope to get a meeting scheduled for our newly forming online worship team in the first few weeks of July.
  - a. I have two people who have expressed interest, and I also asked Sara Rhoton to participate and she said she was interested.
  - b. We had a new high of 27 people watching last Sunday. This will be something I will also address in my state of the church message on Sunday, along with proposed improvements to be discussed as part of the agenda.
12. I am conducting a funeral in Albuquerque this weekend in the transition between pastors at Mesa View, and then doing a graveside service for Richard and Nancy Warnes next Friday. I am also coordinating a baptism for one of the Ark teachers that will probably happen at the end of July.
13. I continue to serve on the Conference Council on Finance and Administration as part of this unending quadrennium. It is widely expected, including by me, that I will be elected as chair at the next meeting.

## **Annual Conference - Don Casperson**

Report will be available later.

### **Church facility – Julie Risch**

#### 1. Work Orders

- a. I have made bright yellow work orders and placed them in the kitchen and outside my office for people to fill out when they see something that needs fixed. So, let people know to use them and once filled out they can go on my desk to follow up.

#### 2. Crabapple Tree in the front of the sanctuary is dying.

- a. I had tree expert, Miguel Hoffman, come and look at it to give us his opinion.
- b. His diagnosis was the tree appears to be suffering from fire blight and sun scalding but, other issues underground (damaged or girdling roots) could also be contributing to it issues.
- c. Dennis Gill, Howard Granzow, and Joe Richardson have volunteered to cut the tree down.

#### 3. Evergreens in Prayer Garden

- a. I am getting estimates to have the evergreen trees in the prayer garden trimmed.
- b. Francisco Sanchez, Oliva's trees, Dale, L.A. Landscaping have been contacted.
- c. Once they have been trimmed Rafael will be able to maintain them.

#### 4. Sewer Lines

- a. L. A. Plumbing came out to give me an estimate for routine cleaning of sewer lines today, 6/22.
  - i. Since our lines are so old, he said sometimes coming in with the snakes will create more of a problem by breaking lines that maybe corroding.
  - ii. He recommended a monthly enzyme cleaner that keeps the buildup down.
  - iii. He will write this up and go over it with Rafael, and he can do the maintenance for us.
  - iv. It should cost us around \$500 a year to keep them cleaned out.
- b. They will clean the lines to the restrooms off the sanctuary.
  - i. We have had some issues with them flushing.

#### 5. Garbage Disposal

- a. I am still working on setting a time up for Barry, Barry's Electric, to come a repair the garbage disposal. I left a message with him today and asked if he could come out next week.

### **Connecting (Lay leader)**

### **Crisis and Caring Ministries - Carol Mead**

Nothing to report

### **Faith Development Report - Phillip Ortega**

#### 1. Faith Development Leadership Team

- a. The meeting was postponed due to last-minute conflicts
- b. Important items before them
  - i. Hospitality
  - ii. Safe Sanctuary Training
  - iii. Class Structure and Age Ranges
  - iv. Children's Only Programming (August)
  - v. Family Camp and/or Youth Camp

#### 2. Mid-Summer Night Fellowship

- a. Amazing turnouts
  - i. Avg 20 people per event
  - ii. Cost to church minimal
  - iii. Excitement

- b. Upcoming Events
  - i. ABQ Zoo
  - ii. Hike #2
  - iii. Bowling
  - iv. Oppenheimer
  - v. Pool Party #2
- 3. Safer Sanctuaries
  - a. We will review and update our current Safe Sanctuary Policies with new information from the annual conference for board approval next month.

### **Leadership Board – Julie Risch**

- 1. Website:
  - a. I have added a page called Leadership Board to the “About Us” tab.
    - i. It is also possible to reach the Leadership Board page from the link “Leadership Board Minutes” on the right side of the initial webpage.
    - ii. There is a brief description about the board, a list of the members, and links to our covenant statement, the goals that were set in April, the ministry summaries and minutes through April have been added.
  - b. Also on the right side of the initial webpage, there is a link “Give Securely Online” that will take you to the secure giving page.
- 2. Newsletter:
  - a. I was thinking about highlighting each board member for the newsletter so people could put faces with names. It may have just a short introduction about the person and their pictures.
    - i. It would include how long you’ve lived in Los Alamos and attended the church.
    - ii. What are your interests and maybe where you work.
    - iii. Interesting fact about yourself.
    - iv. Picture

### **Missions – Camille Wescott**

- 1. Our yard clean-up day was greatly appreciated.
  - a. There has been a request by two more families for help, so we will schedule another yard clean-up day soon.
- 2. Leticia Chavez-Paulette will speak on July 16 during the service. She is the founder of A Peaceful Habitation, which helps women transition after being released from prison.
- 3. In July our collection will be for Personalities Plus.
  - a. “ The organization collects gently used purses, fills them with toiletries and other goodies, and sends them off to shelters, housing abused and homeless women as well as those who recently got out of jail.
- 4. In August Suzy Kroesche and Joe Richardson will coordinate the Baby Bottle Campaign for the Hope Pregnancy Center fundraiser.

### **SPRC – Nathaniel Morgan**

No report available.

### **United Methodist Women/United Women in Faith – Carol Mead**

- 1. McCurdy’s Stars STEM/VBS was cancelled.
  - a. Too many children are attending free summer school instead of paying for Camp Stars.
  - b. They’ll try again next summer, hopefully with more scholarships available.
- 2. Martha Circle will be hosting our summer picnic brunch for all the ladies of the church.

- a. June 27 at 10:30 at North Mesa Park.
3. In July we will be collecting purses and accessories for Pursonalities Plus, an organization that provides purses and associated goodies to women at homeless shelters, those getting out of prison, etc.
4. Mission u will be at Sacramento the weekend of July 28.

**Online Worship** – In process of organizing

**Worship - Valerie Collins**

1. We are continuing the alternating Traditional and Contemporary Worship services for the summer.
  - a. The pianists will play the Special Music.
  - b. There will occasionally be an instrumental or vocal offering added.
  - c. The praise band will continue leading as usual on Contemporary Sundays.
    - i. We have added a new vocalist, Lena Mastro, a temporary Bandelier Ranger, until November.
2. Valerie will take a vacation to NC from July 12-19. This will include a traditional Sunday.
  - a. She will find someone to help lead the hymns.
3. The choir and bells will plan to return on or after Labor Day weekend.