

**UCUMC Board of Stewards Meeting Minutes**  
**February 8, 2024**

<b>Board of Stewards Member Attendance</b>			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Michelle Abbott	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pastor Donnell FitzJefferies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Matt Summers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Margie Broadway
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lynn Comstock	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cynthia McCormick, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kristen Fuchs	<input type="checkbox"/> James Crosby
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ed Hyland	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mae Forbes, Lay Leader	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Liz Rhines	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Richard Robertson
<input type="checkbox"/> Ken Fritsch	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest:	<input type="checkbox"/> Guest	<input type="checkbox"/> Reggie Enthart, Treasurer

<b>Agenda Topic</b>	<b>Discussion Topic</b>	<b>Notes/Decisions Made</b>	<b>Need Follow-up?</b>
<b>Loving</b>	Ed Hyland	Reflections on “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” hymn	None
<b>Leading</b>	1. Review/Approve - Jan. 25 minutes - Cynthia (5 minutes)  2. “Lean into Lent” tagline/messaging - Cynthia (5 minutes)  3. 2023 Lenten Wish List - Cynthia (5 minutes)  4. 2024 Lenten Gift List - Cynthia (5 minutes)	1. Motion by Ed and second by Matt to approve the minutes of the Jan. 25, 2024 meeting as written. Motion carried unanimously.  2. Cynthia thanked everyone for their input this past week and discussed the timeline for deployment.  3. Last year’s line items and total amounts received/used thus far were reviewed.  4. This year’s line items and the donation goal for each were finalized.	1. None  2. Cynthia/Margie to include in upcoming communications.  3. Remaining balances will be used during 2024.  4. Cynthia/Margie to include in upcoming communications. Richard and Ed to speak with Sunday School classes.

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	5. New property/liability insurance provider - Cynthia	5. Cynthia provided an FYI to the board that the paperwork has been signed.	5. None
<b>Learning</b>	1. BoS/Staff retreat planning update - Pastor D (15 minutes)	1. Pastor D, Cynthia and Mae reported on their Feb. 7th meeting with an UMC pastor / consultant that specializes in helping churches figure out how to thrive and grow. His approach includes engaging the congregation, church leadership and the staff. The district has offered to pay half of the consulting fee.	1. Pastor D to get references for Mae, Margie, Michelle and Kristen to follow up on.
	2. Campus Plan Update - Cynthia (5 minutes)	2. Cynthia reported that the Campus Plan team had a constructive meeting with the district committee on church location and building.	2. Written feedback will be received and used by the Campus Plan team to determine next steps.
	3. Usage of Disciple Center - Cynthia (5 minutes)	3. Cynthia shared data on current Disciple Center usage. The building is not being fully utilized during the week.	3. Ken Beasley and Kristi Miller to meet with staff to explore the possibility of leasing out space (e.g. to a charter school).
	4. Worship Council - Cynthia (10 minutes)	4. Cynthia reported that the Worship Council will reconvene and will consider worship through the eyes of a visitor for possible enhancements.	4. Cynthia will update the BoS as needed.
	5. Upcoming Retreat - Cynthia (5 minutes)	5. Cynthia reminded the board of the upcoming retreat on Feb. 17th.	5. A food sign up list will be posted on BaseCamp.

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	6. Upcoming UMC General Conference - Margie (5 minutes)	6. Margie shared that the April 21 - May 3 General Conference is a big deal for Charlotte and our denomination. Volunteers are needed to help welcome attendees at the airport, hotels, etc. An informational website, <a href="http://WelcomeToGC.org">WelcomeToGC.org</a> , has been developed for volunteers to sign up and to assist attendees.	6. Margie to include the website and related information in upcoming communications.
	7. Closed Session (10 minutes)	7. Motion by Richard and second by Kristen to move to Closed Session to discuss various Staff Parish items. Motion carried unanimously. Motion by Margie and second by Richard to move back to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously.	7. As noted during the closed session.
	8. Key Messages - Cynthia (10 minutes)	8. Discussions of key messages for upcoming churchwide Friday emails.	8. Cynthia to work with Margie to send BoS input for the weekly email to Mitch Benson.

**Upcoming schedule:**

- February 14, 6:30 pm - Ash Wednesday Service
- February 15 - Worship Council Meeting
- February 17 - 8 am - noon, BoS Retreat in the cafe
- February 22 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Regular BoS Meeting (open to congregation)
- March 4 - BoS hosting Room in the Inn
- March 7- 6:30 - 8:30 pm, Regular BoS Meeting (open to congregation)