**BATTLE GROUND UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Ad Council Meeting**

**June 1, 2021**

**In Attendance:**

Pastor Susan, Margaret Bloomquist, Sally Bohna, Maili Morrison, Kristin Wade, Doug Shaul, Jan Shaul, John Epler, Sue Sutton, Lori Rodriguez, Jill Duncan, Leah Kuch, Cece Kiino, Teri Schubitzke. Jens Metzger and Lean Lane joined by Zoom.

**Opening Prayer –** Margaret

**Plans For the Upcoming Year --** Sue Sutton will now be chair of Ad Council effective July 1, 2021.

**Committee Reports:**

**Trustees – Updates from Jens Metzger --**

* The parking lot has been stripped and cracks filled
* Update on the back 5 acres –
* Headstart is interested in a more permanent presence. The plan at this point is for them to purchase some of the land at $150,000. Headstart must have their own water & septic systems at their cost. Time frame is about one year start to finish for the Headstart project.
* The wetlands are still an issue. We need to find a different use in order to avoid taxes and penalties as an agricultural crop. Trustees will revisit this issue.
* Landscaping – The Swallings have been doing almost all the landscaping maintenance. A new company needs to be hired, preferably a company that can do both inside and outside maintenance.

**Finance – Updates from Interim Chair Maili Morrison --**

* Bookkeeper -- The church needs to hire an outside bookkeeper and have 2 volunteers to be trained to be a backup and do the work of the finance secretary. Finance and SPRC have interviewed Vicky Giampietro. She offered a free consultation and reviewed the church’s financial records. She concluded the process needs to be streamlined. The proposal is attached explaining what Vicky can do and what the costs are.
* Pastoral Support Plan – Finance previously had a plan to start reducing the amount of support. Per District Superintendent, Kathleen Weber, the church needs to have a better plan to end the support sooner. Pastoral Support is financial help from the Pacific Northwest Conference and is meant to support churches in need for 1-2 years. We have been receiving this pastoral support for over 5 years.
* Current Financial Status during Covid – Partially due to making interest only mortgage payments until February 2021 and continued pledges, our overall status is good.
* Stewardship Drive – Joyce has started the work of the stewardship drive, called “Invest in Love 3.0”. The drive will begin in July. The stewardship team will determine whether to end the Joyful Generosity pledge as a separate pledge drive or combine the stewardship work by including the mortgage in the pledge drive being planned.
* Sue Sutton and Maili Morrison will be added as check signers

**SPRC – Updates from Doug Shaul and Lori Rodriguez**

* Open Staff Position: Accompanist- The invitation to apply for the accompanist is open from June 1, 2021 – June 18, 2021. All are invited to apply.
* Budget was reviewed – “Dream Budget” for SPPR was reviewed and voted on. All approved, none opposed.

**Outreach – Updates from our chair Maili Morrison**

* Donations during Covid – donations have continued to be strong. Recently gave the Foodbank $1300 and there is more to give at this point.
* Fund Raiser Events – Due to Covid, no actual in person events. Outreach will be creating a Recipe book to sell and doing a silent auction for artwork (from the many talented artists of the church)
* Family Promise – Next session is next week at Meadow Glade. The goal is to host in- house at our next hosting week which is in September
* Just One Thing – donations have been generous
* No Gee Creek due to Covid
* No homeless bags – the ones that were made were given to Just One Thing

**Nominations – Review the 2021-2022 Nominations Committee Report**

* The nominations were reviewed and voted – all approved, none opposed.

Margaret asked all chairpeople to contact the new people on their committees to let them know when the next meeting will be and asked that the chairs delegate!

Next meeting for Ad Council will be Tuesday, August 17, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned by Margaret.