

Palouse Federated Church  
Board Meeting  
Date: September 22, 2022  
Approved

**Call to Order:** Time: 7:17

**Board Members Present:** Jim Fielder, Chair; Pastor Corey Laughary, Peggy Collier, Brenda Cook, Dennis Griner, Cam Heusser

Other staff present: Tim Sievers, Connie Kuehner

Guest: John Ayers

**Opening Prayer:** John Ayers

**Devotional:** Pastor Corey – John 1:1— Be hopeful!! God is continuing the story begun in John even today through his Spirit.

**Approval of the Special Board Meeting (09/22/22) – Motion:** Cam;  
To approve Special Board Meeting minutes of 9/22/22; **Second:** Peggy; **Passed**

**Approval of the Amended August Board Minutes – Motion:** Cam; **Second:** Pastor Corey; **Passed**

**Financial Report:** Tim Sievers – Tim provided a summary of the August Balance Sheets and Profit/Loss by Month (January-August) Report. (Documents are attached to the official minutes).

\*Items of Note – August Profit and Loss Report: 21100 - Tithes and offerings significantly increased over previous months resulting in a positive \$3,694.67 balance for the month.

-- 285 households received the letter approved at the last board meeting concerning the ministry of PFC. As a result, \$5,565 was sent to the church using the enclosed giving card. (See additional discussion concerning communications in the minutes)

-- PFC was credited with the overpayment to the insurance company due to their billing for the Bridge Street property which had been sold.

**Facilities Report:** Cam Heuser – Review of projects noted that are still in progress, e.g., balcony safety.

**Ministry Report:**

-- **Uganda:** Mary still dealing with health issues and unable to work. Internet upload/download speed slow but doable for communication. All seems to be going well.

-- **Youth:** Hua Ming has stepped up to the leadership role. Communicating extremely well with youth and their parents. Middle school youth (6-9) are now meeting. Hua Ming is working to strengthen the high school connections. Meals will be offered for high school students beginning in October at their Wednesday night meeting. The Spiritual Growth adult group are invited to participate. A movie night is in the planning for the end of the month. Betty Sawyer is leading a youth “Check In” time each Sunday after the service.

**New Business:**

-- **Offering plate:** Discussion: the pros of including a time to pass the offering plate within each Sunday service. Doing so provides an opportunity for individuals to put in their communication cards, more convenient to place an individual’s offering than in the drop box/plate at the back of the church and provides another opportunity for individuals to serve (ushers).

**Consensus of the Board:** Incorporate the offering plate opportunity into the service.

-- **Mental Health Ministry:** Recommendation from the Stewardship Committee that income after expenses be deposited in the general fund.

**Motion:** Pastor Corey: Deposit the net income from the Mental Health Ministry garnered from services outside of Whitman/Latah Counties into the PFC’s general fund; **Second:** Jim; **Passed.**

-- **Facilities Team: Consensus of the Board:** Create a facilities team. This team will do a walkthrough of the church’s properties, compile a priority list of projects and submit their suggestions to the board for consideration. The board in turn will formalize a project list and inform the membership of the upcoming projects.

--**Mission Trip Team:** The Stewardship Committee recommended that the 802 fund be used to subsidize a mission trip by church members to Uganda with a 2023 target date. **Consensus of the Board:** Pastor Corey and others interested should begin laying the foundation for this trip.

-- **Life Lessons/Local ministries:** The Stewardship Committee recommended 803 be used to fund Life Lessons and/or other local ministries as the need arises.

**Consensus of the Board:** To follow the Stewardship Committee's recommendations.

-- **Communications: Consensus of the Board:** Strive on a regular basis (quarterly/yearly congregational meetings and other appropriate opportunities) to systematically clarify the short term/long-term planning the board has undertaken as well as activities which have been successfully achieved.

**Old Business:**

-- **John Ayers: Motion:** Pastor Corey; Appoint John Ayers to the Stewardship Committee. **Second:** Brenda. **Passed.**

**Pastoral Report:** Pastor Corey

- The custodial position transition from Carrie to Robin has been completed.
- John and Neva Kuehner's baptism took place. They are the newest members of PFC.
- Several others have expressed interest in membership and/or baptism.
- Reaffirmation of holding only one Sunday Service.
- World missions will be the focus of October.
- Addams family (Aviation Fellowship) will be in attendance November 27.
- Operation Christmas Child will be starting soon.
- Harvest Community Dinner will be held November 13. **Consensus of the Board:** Use this year's dinner to honor the Potlatch VFW Post.
- Gratitude campaign will begin October 30.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Peggy; **Second:** Cam; **Adjourned**

**Meeting adjourned:** Time: 8:34

**Submitted by Clerk of the Board, Dennis Griner**