

THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

December 8, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Leadership Chair, Mark McKinney.

In attendance (Meeting conducted on Zoom due to weather): Autaya Chaplin, Jerry Ditty, John Martin, Mark McKinney, Bill Shewchuk, Barbara Jennings and Pastor Megan Collins.

Devotion: Barbara led our devotion with a look at ideas on sharing how we love and live like Jesus. She closed the devotion with a prayer for our meeting and our church.

Our October meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a motion by Bill and a second by Jerry.

Pastor's report: Pastor Megan began her report by advising and reminding us that the Christmas Eve services will be held on 12/24/25 at 4pm (Blended Service) and 7pm (Traditional Service).

We were updated on the incident involving the man named Kenny on 11/20/25 who was aggressively demanding money from people inside the church during the business day. Those he interacted with were placed in fear. Pastor Megan advised that Kenny has now been given formal notice that he is banned from the property due to his behavior, and that notice has been filed with VBPD so Kenny will be charged with trespassing if he returns.

Members' Reports:

- a) Chair: Mark updated that the Parsonage sale had closed and we have received our proceeds from that sale.**
- b) Treasurer: John reported that with the proceeds from the Parsonage sale, the church mortgage has now been paid off in full. This will free up approximately \$4400 per month that we can now use for personnel and ministry.**

John also stated that we have been paying for flood insurance because that was a requirement with our mortgage. Now that we no longer have a mortgage, we will need to decide if we wish to carry the flood insurance.

Finally, John advised how the remaining funds from the sale have been distributed between our various accounting line items. We have set aside 3 years of the Pastor's housing allowance, reimbursed our general fund for the repairs that were paid for to get the Parsonage sale ready, and the remainder is in our Capital Funds.

Trustees: Bill will be coming off the Leadership Team in 2026, and Jerry will be taking over this role. The first item on Jerry's "to do" list will be repairing and repaving the parking lot, followed by resealing the church cinderblocks and brick where water has been leaking in during heavy rains. He will also be looking to repair our fence around the back property line and installing the video cameras that were suggested during the walk-through Jerry and Pastor Megan conducted with VBPD.

Meeting was closed for SPPRC.