

Board of Trustees Minutes
Front Street United Methodist Church
January 12, 2026

Members Present: Jim Brannock, Emily Conner, Jan Davis, Gene Fonville, David Hedgecock, Lizzie Hill, Dexter Peach, Rev. Ray Warren

Members Absent: Gayle Canaday, Tom Steele

- ❖ Call to Order: Rev. Ray Warren at approximately 7:05 pm.
- ❖ Opening Prayer: Rev. Ray Warren
- ❖ Approval of October Minutes: **Dexter Peach made a motion to approve the October minutes. Jim Brannock seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.**
- ❖ Election of 2026 Board of Trustees Officers:
 - Nominees: Jan Davis for Board Chair. Lizzie Hill for Vice Chair. Emily Conner volunteered for Secretary.
 - **Motion made to approve the 2026 BOT officer nominees. Motion unanimously approved.**
- ❖ Update—Parking lot adjacent to Duncan Exxon: Gene Fonville
 - Front Street UMC has accepted and acquired the gifted easement from Villane, Inc.
 - 17 spaces will be rented to Duncan Exxon monthly.
- ❖ Buildings and Grounds Committee Updates: Gene Fonville
 - Update—Stained Glass Window Repair
 - Both the glass and resealing of the panes have been completed.
 - Update on Crosswalk on Front Street
 - After investigating the possibility of installing a crosswalk in the middle of the block between W. Front Street/S. Church Street and W. Front Street/S. Fisher Street, it is unlikely it will be approved by the State since there are existing crosswalks at both of those intersections. However, in the next year there are plans to install pedestrian call buttons at both crosswalks, which will provide safer options to cross the Front Street.
 - Update on Heritage Center Room Improvements
 - Cosmetic updates (paint, carpet and furniture) are due and needed for the Heritage Center. Structurally it remains sound and serves as one of the most used spaces at the church. The Heritage Center kitchen remodeling committee will be invited to serve as the committee to determine what colors/fabrics/furniture will best serve the space. Restricted funds are available for the improvements through the Heritage

Center Endowment Fund. The work likely would take place sometime between June and September when the space is least utilized.

- BOT recommended including Clara Clayton (Gene confirmed she served on the kitchen remodeling committee) and giving consideration to furniture that sits higher off the ground for those with mobility issues and older population members.
- **Lizzie Hill made a motion to move forward with the Heritage Center improvements using the restricted endowment funds. Jim Brannock seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Gene Fonville will discuss next steps with the Buildings and Grounds committee at their January meeting.

○ *Organ Pipe Repairs*

- The organ needs 10 pipes repaired, which will cost \$36,255.09. The project cannot be bid as there are only two companies in the United States who service organs like ours. Funds are available for the repairs through the Music Endowment Fund. The organ can still be played without those pipes while they are being repaired.
- **Jim Brannock made a motion to approve the organ pipe repairs. Dexter Peach seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

○ *Parsonage Primary Bedroom's Bathroom Remodel*

- The Parsonage Fund will cover the improvements, which are estimated to be \$20k. The Buildings and Grounds committee will get three quotes.
- **Lizzie Hill made the motion to move forward with the remodeling of the primary bedroom's bathroom using the Parsonage Fund. David Hedgecock seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

○ *Church Vehicles*

- The silver van has been sold at fair market value.

❖ Other:

- The Church continues to run at a deficit despite cutting approximately \$200,000 from its operating budget. Currently the deficit is \$274k. Church attendance continues to grow as does giving.

❖ Closing Prayer: Rev. Ray Warren

❖ Adjourn Meeting: The meeting was adjourned by Jan Davis at 7:53pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Emily Conner, Board of Trustees Secretary