

Gulf Cove United Methodist Church

Experience – Embrace – Engage

Leadership Board Meeting

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 – 7:00pm

Because COVID is making its way through our congregation, this meeting was held via Zoom.

Attendees:

Joan Priest (Chair), Pastor Mike Weaver, Doreen Alvarez, Sue Betz, Jim Brown, Kristie Coleman*, Larry Davis*, Anne Devilbiss, Michelle Dragon*, Beverly Fonder, Dave Fonder, John Furtado, Barb Garafolo, Richard Jacoby, Carol McGuire, John McGuire, Ken Priest, Rick Starck, Pastor Becky Stephenson, Sarah Taylor, Dawn Tesauro, Dana Hanson
*Boy Scout Leaders

The meeting was opened with Doreen Alvarez sharing her devotion which was recently published in the Upper Room. She then led us in prayer.

Corrections to Previous Minutes: The recording secretary was not notified of any needed corrections to the minutes of the 12/13/2021 meeting.

BOARD ITEMS

Joan Priest welcomed our new members and the Boy Scout Leaders to the meeting. She asked that if there were any questions about job responsibilities, we would like to handle them as they occur.

Pastor Mike indicated that online training through the Conference will be available in February for those who are new to their leadership positions.

Our first order of business related to the Pig Pickin' weekend. Those who were in attendance solely for that event, could then leave the meeting.

PIG PICKIN' WEEKEND

The schedule of the Friday & Saturday, February 11 & 12, weekend is included at the end of these minutes. Joan thanked Rick Starck for sending out the Pig Pickin' Operations Manual to everyone. Rick has agreed to co-chair the event.

Advertising: Dana Hanson said that the ENGLEWOOD REVIEW is giving us the same, full-page ad at the same 2020 cost of \$600. The SUN is giving us a quarter-page BOGO ad, but the cost has gone up to \$742. The SUN has stopped issuing several geographical newspapers, and instead one issue serves all communities. As a result, their ad (which should appear on February 2 and 9) will reach many more people than it did two years ago. With regard to the scripted ad with WENG radio, Dana had the impression was that they would charge the same \$400 as they did two years ago. However, when she was ready to finalize everything, she was advised that the cost had gone up to \$450. Since the Board previously authorized only \$400, it is necessary to obtain approval for the additional \$50. No one present had any objection to the additional cost.

In addition to the paid advertising, a press release will be submitted to several media outlets, but we do not want it out there until the tickets are ready; with regard to this, see the next paragraph. Door flyers, posters, and some other flyers that are distributed, including to schools, are usually prepared by the office. The files will probably be found on Jeanne Shrout's computer; Dawn Tesauro will look for them in Jeanne's absence.

Tickets: Rick said Linda Starck agreed to prepare the tickets for the Pig Pickin' and has already ordered cardstock. At least some tickets should be ready to distribute on Sunday to the congregation. Larry Davis said the office usually prints the tickets for the Boy Scout Breakfast, and he has blue cardstock available which can be used. Rick asked that the Boy Scout ticket file be sent to Linda. (*Bless you, Linda! Your name came up quite a few times this evening....*)

Team Leaders: The various team leaders for this event are indicated on an attachment to these minutes. There are several positions which need to be filled.

Volunteers: Anne Devilbiss said the sign-up sheets were in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 16, but because of the tornadoes that went through our area that morning, attendance was sparse. A sign-up sheet is also used for bakers to indicate how many dozen cookies they will be providing. Based on past experience and the Pig Pickin' Manual, volunteers are needed as indicated on an attachment to these minutes.

For individuals who have never worked a Pig Pickin' weekend before, a new-volunteer information session will be held on Thursday, January 27, at 7pm in #109. Rick (and hopefully Linda) will lead the discussion. Attendance is not mandatory, but highly recommended for new and returning volunteers.

Arts & Crafts Fair: Barb Garafolo said she now has 13 confirmed craft vendors, and hopes to reach 20 by the time it starts. She reminded us that, since crafters plan for showings a year in advance, we announced our craft fair so late, and another large craft fair is being held that same weekend, we will be doing good to have 20 vendors. We had 54 vendors in 2020, and Barb contacted all of them plus many more.

Future Events: Barb said during this event, she will offer craft vendors an opportunity to sign up for next year's event. At our last meeting, we had decided to have future Pig Pickin' weekends on the second weekend of February. However, several have indicated that they would rather have it on the third weekend, which is also Presidents' Day weekend. Although some people might travel over that weekend, Barb indicated that it is a good weekend for crafters. After discussion, it was decided that we will have *future events on the third weekend of February*. Next year's event will be held on February 17 and 18, 2023.

Security: With regard to overnight security, Larry expressed concern if he was expected to provide cooker-security on Thursday night and then crafter-security on Friday night – especially in light of the long day he will have on Saturday with the pancake breakfast. Larry would prefer that any overnight security be retired law enforcement personnel. Larry and Rick will work on the details of security.

Boy Scouts Assistance and Breakfast: After a little discussion, Larry indicated the following:

- A few tables will already be set up because of the First Monday Supper which will be held on February 7, and runs from 3:30-5:30pm. The Scouts will finish setting up the sanctuary after the First Monday Supper is over, starting around 7pm.
- Dawn asked about the storage of extra chairs, since in the past they have been stored in the classrooms. John Furtado said that even after the tables are set up, there will be extra chairs. Anne advised that the Cookie Dash uses room 101 to store cookies until they are moved out to the tables which are placed parallel to the sanctuary's back counter. It was decided that extra chairs will be stacked in front of the A/V booth.
- The Scouts will be there late Friday evening after the Pig Pickin' is over to do some preparation before the Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast, which runs Saturday from 8am to 12:30pm.
- The Scouts would like to show some Scouting pictures using the sanctuary overhead during the breakfast. Larry was told that was fine.
- They will reset the sanctuary for Sunday's worship services after their breakfast is finished.

The Boy Scouts will coordinate paper goods, other foods, and storage with Anne and Dave Devilbiss. In addition, Larry said he will coordinate the operation/instruction of the hand-held radios which will be used over the weekend.

Cookie Dash: Anne indicated that Bev Fonder will be taking the lead of the Cookie Dash since Anne and Dave will be out of town that weekend. Susan Matthews and Pastor Becky will assist her. As in all other years, two years ago we ran out of cookies early, selling all 650 dozen that were donated!

Miscellaneous Event Matters

- The Waste Management trash containers (and replacement liners) need to be placed outside and checked periodically on both days.
- The men's and ladies' restrooms need to be stocked with paper towels and toilet paper, and checked periodically on both days.
- We need to remember to get out the parking signs which are believed to be stored in the Barn.
- We will need to rent two more golf carts which hold 4-6 people each. Pastor Mike said he would contact Thoroughbred Golf Carts this week.
- The pastor's outside door needs to be cleaned. Since a power washer might take off the paint and/or force water into the office, hand cleaning would be best.
- Rick said individual, already-filled BBQ sauce containers can now be ordered in bulk. This will obviate the need for people to fill potentially 800+ little containers beforehand.
- Instead of using individual cups for drinks which have to be filled by hand, we will purchase a variety of individual drinks already in plastic bottles (lemonade, water, iced tea, etc.).
- We need to have the area treated for fire ants one to two weeks prior to the event. Dawn will check with the pest control company we use regarding this.

- Rick reminded Jim Brown that as trustee, he needs to find out from Dawn who is holding meetings on our campus on Thursday and Friday of the event week (such as AA). They need to be asked to meet at a different location because we will need their classrooms and parking spots thru the weekend.
- John Furtado asked Barb to send him a grid of the layout for the booths/spaces in the arts and crafts fair.

CAR SHOW

The Car Show was held on Saturday, January 15. Overall, Ken Priest said he felt it went very, very well. There were 40 cars that were shown, with a good mix of vehicles. Unfortunately, there was not much space for many more.

His largest disappointment was that, even though the President of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America approached GCUMC, and she did a great job of registration, only one other member from the VMCCA was present to assist us on the day of the event. If it had not been for the Boy Scouts and our own GCUMC volunteers, it could not have been done. Ken's recommendation, even though it went well, was that we do not have another car show. Or, if we do, that someone else take the lead in coordinating it.

Ken thanked the Boy Scouts and their adults who helped with parking spectator vehicles at the show. He said because of the number of spectators, the back lot was full and there was overflow parking. The Scouts did an excellent job of managing it all.

The president of the Vintage Motor Car Club of America turned a total of \$479 over to the church: \$245 in car registrations, an additional \$56 which was donated by the car owners, and \$178 for us to use for missions as we saw fit. Ken recommended that the church donate \$100 to the Boy Scouts as a thank you for all their hard work, and \$100 to the youth for their work during the show. All present approved both donations.

Ken specifically thanked Shane Crandall for his assistance taking things down at the end of the show. He also thanked the individuals who helped park the show cars before it all started.

The Youth did not sell too many drinks, probably because it was so chilly. However, Anne reported that we made just over \$400 from the sale of food. Anne indicated she would like to donate \$100 to the Boy Scouts and \$300 to the Youth for their summer mission trip. Larry thanked her for wanting to give the Scouts \$100, but said our generosity was not needed. They are doing okay financially, and the \$100 recommended by Ken was sufficient. As a result, Anne recommended that the whole \$400 be given toward the Youth mission trip. All present approved the donation.

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Doreen advised that their first meeting of the year will be held on January 27. They will be assigning buddies and going over general responsibilities. She said Joe Pariseau has been working on his list of needs and wants, with estimated costs, for the benefit of all three services, not just the contemporary service. He has been thinking about ways to raise funds for the expenditures, and will talk with Finance about his ideas.

Joan mentioned that Angela Navarro will probably be taking some in-person organ lessons for personal development. Joan believes funds are budgeted for this type of expense. Doreen said she would check the budget to find out how much is available.

FINANCE

John Furtado reported that December contributions totaled \$51,579, bringing the total for the year of 2021 up to \$410,359 – excluding the amount of PPP money which was used. All 2021 bills were paid, and the church paid 100% of its apportionments. The year 2022 started with \$15,581 remaining in our PPP loan funds and \$40,097 in our Reserve Fund.

Ken reminded us that a church is a strange type of business. The critical difference, however, is that we as a church have to rely on our faith. The programs we choose to promote need to be conducted with prayerful thought. If we approach things in this manner, we can not only do what we have been doing, but also do more.

Regarding endowments, Rick said he plans to address all three services for a few minutes and provide a brief introduction as to what an endowment is and how a person can donate to it. He would like input from the congregation as to whether they would like to hear from an attorney, a financial advisor, etc. He has completed the year-end statement regarding endowment giving and has given it to Dawn.

Bev Fonder asked whether we were still looking for someone to conduct an audit of the church's books. The answer: yes, we are. Bev met someone the other day who might be interested in performing the audit. She will pursue the lead to find out specifics.

TRUSTEES

Jim Brown said he did not have much to add this evening. Anne advised that a copy of the renewal contract was provided by Dave Devilbiss to Lindsey Cleaning for review, but they had not yet heard back from Jo Lindsey. Jim said he will follow-up. Joan told Jim that there is a mailbox for the trustees in the conference room #114. She reminded everyone that all major leadership positions have a mailbox there. Rick said he would also help Jim get acclimated to his new position.

EEE EXPERIENCE

Sue Betz advised that the average attendance for the month of December was as follows:

	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
In-Person	55	133	53
Online viewings	73	130	102

About 21 people attended the Blue Christmas service. The in-person attendance for the Christmas Eve services was:

3pm = 54 5pm = 151 8pm = 111 11:30pm = 28 Total = 344

Sue said she is still experiencing difficulty getting ushers and greeters for the 8am and 11am services. Unfortunately, COVID is still causing problems for us, in that four people last Sunday were sick and she had to find last-minute replacements. Those individuals, however, did an excellent job!

Pastor Mike said that Karen Bodo and Jackie Miller are doing well at preparing the communion elements for the three services. Clean-up after the 9:30am service is covered, but we still need people to clean-up after the 8am and 11am services.

EEE EMBRACE

Sarah Taylor reported the following:

- The youth had quite a few waters and sodas left over after the Car Show. They plan to have a trivia night in April and hope to sell them then. The trivia night proceeds will go toward their mission trip. They may also have a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale as a fundraiser.
- Family Movie Night is this Friday, January 21. Disney's new movie "Encanto" will be shown outside.
- Youth Confirmation classes continue on the first and third Saturdays of the month through April. There are three youth and three mentors involved in the program.
- The youth will probably play mini-golf and go ice skating within the next couple of months.

Joan said it was good to have the youth present at the Car Show. In addition, having the youth volunteer as ushers and greeters has also been good.

EEE ENGAGE

Pastor Mike advised that a survey will be distributed soon asking which type of small group the people of our congregation like; the hope is to get more people involved with Engaging the community. He will be representing our church at the Myakka River Elementary Glow Run. He has been working with the MRE guidance counselor and school psychologist which has helped to create a stronger bond and trust between the school and GCUMC.

John McGuire reported on Team Cuba. Items from shipping containers that we sent in August of 2020 were *finally* starting to be delivered in October 2021. Funds were sent to pay for the pastors' and missionaries' salaries through December 2021, as well as to help cover urgent needs. We were able to ship prescription medications to Nicaro and Frank Pais through the Florida Conference Global Missions Office. We supplied vitamins and supplements through the Southwest District Mission Program. A special *thank you* is conveyed to the anonymous donor who donated \$1,500 in November for our sister churches and their district. Through the

generosity of our congregation, almost \$12,000 was provided to our sister churches in Cuba during 2021. Joan added that it is nice to see the photographs that they share with us.

With regard to the Boy Scouts, Pastor Mike said there is still no date set for Boy Scout Sunday. Some of the scouts still greet and usher on the second Sunday of each month.

On December 10-11, 2021, 69 tornadoes traveled through 10 states. As a result, our Penny Sunday 12/19/2021 donations of \$642.81 went to UMCOR instead of the Youth Mission Fund. In addition, a special UMCOR collection was taken that same day, and another \$895.00 went to UMCOR. The 1/16/2022 Penny Sunday donations will go to the Youth Mission Fund.

Anne reported that for the 1/3/2022 First Monday Supper, donations totaled \$513, and expenses were \$431, with 150 people being served (8 dining in and 142 drive-thrus). The new reservation system (using an RSVP button) is working well. Dawn said that so far, only drive-thru reservations have been made for the 2/7/2022 supper.

EXPANSION TEAM STATUS REPORT

Joan said she spoke with Jason Green today, the project manager. Jason advised that Alex did an initial architectural drawing, but he wasn't satisfied and decided to start over. It is hoped to be delivered to GCUMC this week or next week. Once those renderings (on paper and on computer) are done, the expansion team will meet again.

Adjournment. Because the normally scheduled Monday falls on Presidents' Day, the next Leadership Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 7:00pm. The meeting was adjourned at 9:10pm with a prayer by Pastor Mike.

Respectfully submitted,
Dana Hanson
Recording Secretary

Pig Pickin' 2022 Schedule

8th ANNUAL PIG PICKIN' & COOKIE DASH and
ARTS & CRAFT SHOW and as a special bonus, enjoy a
BOY SCOUT PANCAKE BREAKFAST Presented by Troop 776

February 11-12, 2022

- Gulf Cove United Methodist Church
- 1100 McCall Road (SR 776)
- Gulf Cove/Port Charlotte, FL 33981
- Phone: 941-697-1747

Friday, February 11, 2022

- Arts & Crafts Show 10:00am to 6:00pm
- Pig Pickin' 11:00am to 7:00pm
- Cookie Dash 11:00am to 7:00pm

Saturday, February 12, 2022

- Arts & Crafts Show 8:00am to 4:00pm
- Pancake Breakfast 8:00am to 12:30pm

Pig Pickin'

- Dine In *** Drive Thru
- Pulled Pork or Turkey Plate Prepared on Site by Chef Alfred
- A Selection of Secret Sauces
- Generous Portions
- Tickets available at the church office \$15 per plate

Cookie Dash

- Cookies \$6 per container, payable that day

Craft Vendors

- Contact Barbara Garafolo @ 941-276-7281 to reserve a booth

Boy Scout Pancake Breakfast

- Pancake Breakfast
- Omelet Bar with Chef Alfred & his helpers
- Tickets available at the church office \$12 per plate

TEAM LEADERS FOR 2022 PIG PICKIN' WEEKEND

* Names marked with an asterisk were indicated as leaders in 2020 but have not yet committed for 2022.

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* Jack Stephenson mobile: 754-422-3151 jack.stephenson30@gmail.com

Dining Sales

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Drive-thru Sales & Service

* Sam Walters home: 941-426-1026 bswalters@verizon.net

Food Preparation

Alfred Current mobile: 704-718-0951 alfred@alfredandcharlies.com

* Charles Hilton home: 941-698-4018 charlesandmaryhilton@comcast.net

Kitchen Cleaning/Dishwashing

* Open

Pancake Breakfast

Larry Davis mobile: 770-869-5618 larryrowingtheboat@gmail.com

Parking & Signs (3 golf carts)

* Ray Dunfee mobile: 703-785-0317 tascmaster1@yahoo.com

* Barbie Dunfee mobile: 703-785-0318 dunfeebarbara@yahoo.com

* Fred Boyer mobile: 574-229-0888 fredboyer@comcast.net

Serving Lines (1½ hr shift)

* Steve Beimer mobile: 941-662-7880 smbeimer@gmail.com

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* Jim Brown mobile: 712-299-2084 jamesjbrown56@hotmail.com

* Lisa Brown mobile: 712-299-6535 lisabrown79@live.com

* Karen Current mobile: 941-875-5434 karen913@comcast.net

Set/Reset Dining Room

Boy Scouts

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Vendor Management

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR 2022 PIG PICKIN' WEEKEND

Volunteer Position	Minimum # of Vols. Per Shift	Date	Shift Times
Cookie Dash sales & service	4-6	Fri 2/11	9:30-11:00 11:00-12:30 12:30-2:00 2:00-3:30 3:30-5:00 5:00-7:00 (includes cleanup)
Dining area services	6-10	Fri 2/11	See Cookie Dash
Drive-thru sales & services	3-6	Fri 2/11	See Cookie Dash
Kitchen food prep / dishwashing	10?	Thu 2/11	9:00(?) until done
Kitchen food prep / dishwashing	4-6	Fri 2/11	See Cookie Dash
Food serving lines	4-6	Fri 2/11	See Cookie Dash
Traffic flow, parking, golf cart services	4-6	Fri 2/11	7:30-9:00 9:00-10:30 10:30-12:00 12:00-1:30 1:30-3:00 3:00-5:00 5:00-7:00 (includes cleanup)
Traffic flow, parking, golf cart services	4-6	Sat 2/12	7:30-9:00 9:00-10:30 10:30-12:00 12:00-1:30 1:30-3:00 3:00-4:00 (includes cleanup)