

Adrian First United Methodist Church

Leadership Board Meeting Minutes

May 19th, 2026

**PRESENT:** Kay Allingham, Bill Bachman, Gerry Burg, Shirley Ehnis, Rev. Alice Ford, Daryl Moore, Scott Morton, Janet Salzwedel; Via Zoom: Fran Kottke, Sandra Harsh

**ABSENT:** Matthew Herr

**CALL TO ORDER:** Meeting called to order by Acting Chairperson Janet Salzwedel at 6:05 pm.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Janet offered the opening prayer

**LEADERSHIP EQUIPPING**

Janet provided copies of five articles from UM resources regarding ministry. Highlights: look outwards for possibilities; different ministries and different ways to do things; look for collaboration; be a mobile church. NYT article stated that people are looking for community; a need for recreation and a need for dignity.

**ENDOWMENT PRESENTATION**

Charlie Jones of Old National Bank; Lee Johnson, Norm Glasser and Bryan Bowers of Numbers committee

Earnings have been robust; reminder that the Book of Discipline provides parameters & standards for investing; set boundaries with the diversification; awareness that passive funds have investments in them; Equities 65%, Fixed Income 35%.

**PACKET AND CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS**

Moved by Gerry Berg and seconded by Scott Morton to approve the Consent Agenda and Calendar. Motion approved.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Michigan Annual Conference is May 28-31. Sandra Harsh, Fran Kottke and Jan Murley are our Lay Delegates. Brian Bowers will attend for Pastor Alice.

Kay suggested purchasing an OWL for Zoom for our in person meetings. Scott will check on the best options for this with ease of use a priority. Include this on June agenda.

Gerry reported that the outdoor electronic sign has a power supply issue. He and Norm Glasser are still working on this.

Daryl brought us up-to-date on BRIO. Lease negotiations continue. He offered suggestions to consider based on when the federal Medicaid funds are approved, either FY (Oct) 26/27 or FY (Oct) 27/28.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

Shirley offered the closing prayer.

**CLOSE OF MEETING**

Meeting closed at 7:45 pm by Acting Chairperson Janet Salzwedel.