

Leadership Board
Adrian First United Methodist Church

Minutes

June 16, 2026

Present: Kay Allingham,, Shirley Enhis, Sandra Harsh, Fran Kottke, Daryl Moore, Scott Morton, Janet Salzwedel, Pastor Alice Ford, Matthew Herr

Absent: Bill Bachman, Gerry Burg

Matt Herr opened the meeting at 6:06 pm.

Fran Kottke gave the Opening Prayer

Spiritual Formation: Janet Salzwedel led a discussion about the Anglican Book of Common Prayer, and how each prayer has 5 elements. We discussed the use of these prayers vs more spontaneous prayer, and when each may be more beneficial to us.

Leadership Equipping: Scott Morton led a session about organizing our files, particularly emails on our computer to help us keep track better. We then had a discussion about our future equipping needs, and decided on the topic next week to be on team building. The focus will be on building trust and open, honest communication. Sandra volunteered to lead it.

Review of New People: The group discussed interactions that we have had with new attendees. Pastor Ford challenged us to find ways to encourage more interaction during fellowship time.

Goal review and Accountability: Pastor Alice reports that she is passing everything forward to Zack and that our new District Superintendent Daryl Toot is on board with Brio contract negotiations. Alice reports that the minutes have not been making it out to the congregation in a timely manner due to a communication error. The board decided to have a folder with all of the approved minutes in it, and Conner can pull out the most recent to distribute to the congregation.

Packet and Consent Calendar Items: Two items were removed from the consent packet for further discussion: Brio update and repairs to the parsonage. The remainder of the packet was approved by the board.

Brio Update : Daryl reports that they are making good progress towards the Lease, and Brio has agreed with the Church' s requests. Once the draft is complete, it will be reviewed by the Annual Conference and the Legal Teams on both sides. He also explained some options that Brio is exploring for funding the project since complete funding from the State of Michigan remains uncertain.

Repairs to the Parsonage: Pastor Alice reported to the board what repairs and upgrades have been done to the parsonage in preparation for our new Pastor and his family. The total cost is greater than what is in the Parsonage Fund. The leadership requested a detailed list of expenses from the Building and Grounds Team and opinions from the treasurer on what funds could be used to cover the overage. Rev Alice highly recommended that the Leadership Board determine how the parsonage maintenance fund will be funded for future needs.

Communication: A discussion was held regarding ways to help welcome the Dunlap Family. It was decided that Kay would organize a staff luncheon on July 1st and Daryl would provide a family meal the week of move-in on behalf of the Leadership Board.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 21st.

Our next Town Hall meeting is TBA

Matt Herr gave a closing prayer.

The Meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

Submitted by: Sandra Harsh