

Solomons United Methodist Church
Operation Solomons Thrives Charge Conference
06 March 2021

Meeting Called to Order (appx. 1:10 pm)

DS surveyed attendees making sure they understood meeting was being recorded— yes

Opened with prayer

Roll of members present called - 20 in total with 2 regular attenders (don't have a vote)

Members:

1. Eldon Baldwin
2. Dianne Bergmann
3. Cassidy Bordash
4. Roberta Bordash
5. Anna Decker
6. Benjamin Decker
7. Lin Gauchat
8. Barbara Johnston
9. Pamela Jones
10. Richard Jones
11. Eleanor Keeley
12. Pat Keeley
13. Chris Laing
14. Alisa Laing
15. Ruth Maxey
16. Ralph McCreary
17. Patricia Parsons
18. Wayne Parsons
19. Barbara Sanders
20. Susan Stevenson

Regular Attendees (non-members):

1. William Hill
2. Donna Miller

Also present:

1. DS Johnsie Cogman
2. Dottie Yunger
3. Nona Colbert
4. Bill Brown

Pastor Nona Colbert, chair of 213 task force, presented highlights of final report.

DS presented 213 recommendation.

Recommendation—

Discontinuance of Solomons United Methodist Church with relaunch as a mission center

DS opened floor up for questions, etc

Questions included: property ownership, transfer and/or use of existing financial resources, cemetery and on site headstones, preservation of history room, BWC support, grant opportunities, 501c3 status, mission center possible ministries, possible staffing, pastoral appointment, etc. Refer to the Zoom call video for detailed question and answer session (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Kn28uzaYb8>).

Other option available to SUMC - reject 213 recommendation and develop its own ministry action plan to address issues raised in 213 report. BWC will hold SUMC accountable to its plan.

DS posed two questions to members:

Are you ready to vote on the 213 recommendation?

Do you need more information?

Vote taken on second question:

11 yes

8 no

1 abstain

No vote was held on the first question.

DS will send additional information requested from Q&A session.

DS will make the recording of charge conference available.
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4Kn28uzaYb8>)

Next charge conference set for March 13 with the time to be announced. SUMC is required to announce with at least 7 days notice in two different formats.

The meeting closed in prayer.

A Town Hall will be held on March 8th at 7pm for those unable to attend this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 4pm.