

## **Aldersgate Church - Leadership Board Meeting**

### **April 28, 2026**

**Leadership Board in attendance:** Bob Winters, Nate Baum, Desiree` Buck, Kristine Hackett, Kent Springman, David Pater, Beth Duvall, Ben Writers, Denny Cathcart, and Randy Campbell.  
**Absent:** Lydia Kelley, Jeff Payne, Jeff Lewis, and Jennifer Miranda

**Congregants and Staff:** Pastor Jeff Markey and Heather Smith

1. Bob Winters called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm with prayer.
2. Pastor Jeff provided a devotional on Act 2:42.

#### **State of the Church:**

1. Aldersgate had 9 new members join the 10:30 am service last week.
2. Bob Winters motioned for the March meeting minutes to be approved. David Pater second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

#### **New Business:**

##### **1. Financial:**

- As of the end of March, Aldersgate is in good standings with a profit of \$66,500.
- In April, had additional expenses and bills totaling \$82,000 with a three-payroll month, unanticipated extended stay in Romania for mission trip, higher utilities, building repairs and some tech purchases.
- Our tithing for April (as of April 27<sup>th</sup>), was approximately \$66,000, which was slightly lower compared to April 2025 tithings.

2. **Garden Proposal:** Heather Smith requested permission to create a garden on the church grounds that helps the young children get involved in growing simple vegetables and/or flowers. Once garden is successful in producing items, further discussions can occur as to how to dispense these items to those in need. Heather Smith and Karen Cointot would be in charge of the garden, involving the preschool and/or other children's ministries to help maintain it. Bob Winters motioned for Heather and Karen to be approved to speak with Deana Fornoff to locate an area on the church grounds to create the garden. Denny Cathcart second the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

3. **Monthly Lay Leader Video Blog:** Randy Campbell asked Leadership Board members to give thoughts on creating a monthly lay leader video blog to address any questions or concerns related to Aldersgate. For example, he stated Stripe recently increased their fee for using a credit card for tithes. Board agreed this would be a great addition to sharing information with church members.

4. **Facility Use Policy:** Building use form was reviewed by the board. Nate Baum and David Pater recommended amendment to the first section to include an annual review of existing facility usage agreements. Randy Campbell motioned for approval of the facility use policy with an amendment to the building use form. Nate Baum second the motion. Bob Winters

recommended the following statement be added: “All non-single use approvals are subject to periodic review. Any usage can be terminated at the discretion of the facility manager, Pastors, or leadership.” Motion and statement unanimously approved.

**5. Leadership Working Groups:** The Leadership Board quickly provided updates on the progress of their smaller working groups focusing on stewardship and church engagement from the storytelling angle, safety and security, and visitor assimilation and connection ideas. The goal is to have a revised/updated Employee Manual for Leadership Board to review by next meeting. After attending both church services and walking through the facility, Zach Stenker provided a detailed report regarding any safety concerns and recommendations that we may want to address going forward. Andrew Ministers will be asked to share via video recorder their experience with meeting new people and welcoming them to Aldersgate Church. More to come on each of the subgroups.

**6. Church Center App Directory:** Denny Cathcart recommended we encourage church members to upload pictures of themselves and any contact information they are willing to share to help our congregation to recognize each other. Suggestions were made to have people available to assist with navigating the Church Center app and possibly taking pictures for those who do not have one available to upload.

**Regular Business:**

- 1. Building / Grounds:** Spring grounds cleaning day is set for May 16. Volunteers can sign up via QR code or church app.
2. Reviewed Leadership Board Retreat slides from January as part of our quarterly review.

**Closing:**

1. Executive decision to cancel May leadership Board meeting. If anything pressing occurs, will have teams meeting.
2. Nate Baum motioned to close the meeting. Denny Cathcart second the motion. Motion unanimously approved. Leadership Board meeting ended at 7:40 pm.