On Thursday March 19, 2020 the Keller UMC Board of Trustees conducted their monthly meeting via Zoom teleconferencing as a follow-up to a broader email discussion of topics held earlier. All Board of Trustee members were present for the meeting, with the exception of Mickey Shelley. There were significant items that were discussed, which included an upcoming drainage project, the resource center, and FLC kitchen appliances,

The drainage at Keller UMC is an issue that the Board of Trustees have been working on diligently for the past year. The Board of Trustees have consulted with multiple engineers and contractors. The resolution to the drainage problem has been divided into two phases, with the 1st phase being the installation of gutters and a drainage pipe that will channel the water runoff into a larger pre-existing drainage pipe that feeds into a retention pond on the north side of the property. The gutters are essential in solving the drainage and erosion problems that we are experiencing on our church property.

During the Zoom meeting, it was approved to proceed with execution of the project description. Board member Tom Belter will summarize bids for the gutters and the drainage pipe to send out to other board members for review. The next step will be to select contractors for both the gutters and drainage pipe installation. Once the bids are accepted, the gutter installation will occur first.

The next item on the agenda involved a conditional contribution that had been received to aid the Resource Center in the purchase of a vehicle to help with food pick up. There was concern with the purchase of a vehicle due to continuous annual maintenance, insurance, and service costs that the church would endure. It was decided to return the contribution and a newly defined procedure will be adopted and communicated for future contributions.

The Board of Trustees also reviewed the need for food pick up at different distribution locations by volunteers of the Resource Center. Beki Picus with the Resource Center was present for this discussion and presented the need to be able to retrieve about 2,000 lbs of food each Tuesday morning. This need is what prompted the original consideration of purchasing a Resource Center vehicle with the above referenced contribution. Resource Center volunteers are working on providing trustees with additional information clarifying their support needs.

The final agenda topic was the Family Life Center (FLC) kitchen appliances. In particular, the gas ovens which have been identified as a source of the recent gas smells coming from the FLC. The gas to the affected appliances has been turned off. The Board of Trustees Chairman, Lou Tiner, will prepare a proposal detailing the need for appliance replacement. Within the proposal he will define the need, the long term use of the kitchen by various ministries, cost of appliances, timing of replacing, etc. Once the proposal is presented to the Board of Trustees it will be considered for action.