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BAY VIEW ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Above Board  
May 7, 2020

Dear Members:

We've received some questions from members which we'd like to help answer, and we also have some updates to share with you.

### Fees Update

The Staff, other Trustees and I have all received questions from members on the order of "What kind of rebate will we get on our Member Dues or Chautauqua Fee, given that we will have limited or no programming this year?" This gives me the opportunity to clear up what these two items pay for.

The Member Dues and Chautauqua Fee do not cover any of the direct costs of the four program areas. All four of the program areas have covered their own costs, and sometimes more, for quite a few years. Recreation funding is earned primarily through program fees, activity fees, and shirt shop sales. Education funding comes primarily from class fees and lecture collections. Performing Arts funding is primarily from ticket sales, student tuition, donations and endowments. Worship funding comes primarily from collections and endowments. They are all budgeted to break even or better from the revenue sources listed.

So what do the Member Dues and Chautauqua Fee pay for? They pay for the Wade Administration Building staff who administer Association business year-round, insurance, professional services, technology and software, phone and internet, printing and marketing; the Buildings & Grounds staff and contractors who maintain and repair our campus (including planting new trees and tree removal), parks, the waterfront, historic buildings, other campus amenities, vehicles & equipment, and water/sewer infrastructure. All of this work would need to occur even if we had no programming, thus, there is no rebate due to Members.

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## COVID-19 Update

On Friday, May 1st, Governor Whitmer extended the State of Emergency through May 30th. Then she signed three Executive Orders. The Orders are as follows:

Order 2020-69 ([Order 2020-69](#)) focused on what is still closed and is in effect through May 28th:

- All locations where people could congregate remain closed. Examples: Theaters, cinemas, and indoor and outdoor performance venues; Libraries and museums; Gymnasiums, fitness centers, recreation centers, indoor sports facilities, indoor exercise facilities, exercise studios, and facilities offering non-essential personal care services.
- Closed for on-premises consumption: Restaurants, food courts, cafes, coffeehouses, and other places of public accommodation offering food or beverage for on-premises consumption; Bars, taverns, brew pubs, breweries, microbreweries, distilleries, wineries, tasting rooms, special licensees, clubs, and other places of public accommodation offering alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption.

Order 2020-77 ([Order 2020-77](#)) came out on May 7<sup>th</sup> and rescinds Order 2020-70 which came out on May 1st. Order 2020-77 adds manufacturing to the list of the industries that 2020-70 allowed to resume, the outdoor recreational activities in which we are allowed to engage, loosens the travel restrictions and reminds us that gatherings are still prohibited. Order 2020-77 is in effect until May 28th.

- Construction (including plumbers, HVAC tradesmen, Electricians and similar workers), real-estate activities, manufacturing, and work that is traditionally and primarily performed outdoors is allowed to resume, with the understanding that face coverings be worn, 6ft physical distance be maintained, in addition to any other measures recommended by the CDC.
- Retail businesses may resume with curbside pickup or mail order transactions only and must follow transmission mitigating guidelines.
- Hotels and motels are allowed to open but may not offer additional in-house amenities such as gyms, pools, spas, dining, entertainment facilities, meeting rooms, or like facilities.
- Individuals may leave their home or place of residence, and travel as necessary to engage in outdoor recreational activity, consistent with remaining at least six feet from people from outside the individual's household. Outdoor recreational activity includes walking, hiking, running, cycling, boating, golfing, or other similar activity, as well as any comparable activity for those with limited mobility.
- Individuals may travel to another residence within the state, and may travel from outside the state to a residence inside the state.
- Travel to vacation rentals is still prohibited

- Public and private gatherings of individuals not in the same household are still prohibited.

Order 2020-71 ([Order 2020-71](#)) addresses rules for food and pharmacy stores and is in effect through May 30th:

- Customers who can medically tolerate a face covering must wear a covering over the nose and mouth while in a store.
- Grocery stores and pharmacies must set aside at least 2 hours per week for customers 60+ or those with chronic conditions
- Grocery stores and pharmacies must deploy strategies to reduce COVID-19 exposure to customers and employees.

### Arrival

On April 27th, in a COVID-19 Update ([COVID-19 Update](#)), the Health Department of Northwest Michigan re-iterated its March 31st Travel Advisory ([Travel Advisory](#)) guidelines, stating that “additional precautions are necessary ... [including] self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival.” Per the Health Department’s website, quarantine means “Stay home 24/7 and self-monitor for 14 days.” So please bring what you will need by way of food, medicine, and other household items.

Please call or email any staff you need to contact as, for your protection and theirs, there are no in-person meetings at present and staff are generally working from home. Also, be aware that the office is closed to members and visitors. If you have something to drop-off at the office, please put it in the wood drop box to the left of the door, as the office door is locked at all times.

In addition, please be aware that if you travel to Bay View at the present time, you might not have access to many restrooms en route. Reports are that many public restrooms have been closed. Most park restrooms are closed, restaurants are not allowed to let you in, gas station restrooms are hit and miss with many closed to the public, and the welcome center and a handful of other rest stop restrooms have been closed (due to layoff of the people who clean and maintain them). Large chain grocery stores might be able/willing to accommodate you. You will find exceptions to things, but now, more than ever, plan ahead!

### Other

- The grounds crews has been busy with Spring Cleanup. Finally! We are glad to see the grounds and streets finally get the care they require after so many Winter months.
- Work has recommenced on the landward portion of the waterfront. We are glad to see that work start up again as it will add much needed protection against the Spring storms. The main breakwater extension work is scheduled to start within the next two weeks, as well.
- As has been the case in prior years, recycling pick up will recommence on the first Thursday in June, which is June 4th.

### A Word of Thanks and Appreciation

This has been an uncertain time for all of us. In the midst of the uncertainty, our staff has done an amazing job of figuring out how to work within the restrictions, and creating alternative plans and processes so we, and they, are able to get done all that needs doing. As you reach out to them, please give them your thanks. It is hard enough to work from home but our staff has to work from home while gearing up for an uncertain but very busy Summer season. And they have done it with good cheer. They deserve our many thanks.