

How helpful would it be for you and your family to receive the following reports on the life of the church? Responses as written by respondents.

- 1** Would be great if these were housed on the church's website; my email inbox is already overflowing and at times things get deleted just to 'clear the clutter.' I would however appreciate being able to access minutes, agendas and updates via the website.
- 2** Financial updates in the bulletin are fine.
- 3** Many churches give a weekly update on the churches finances as well as the previous week's attendance per service.
- 4** Many questions I have responded N/A for your program insists that I respond even though I have explained our situation above.
- 5** Minutes usually not needed but it would be nice to know that they were available if needed.
- 6** I would not want these emailed to me if I have no connection to the committees. I would appreciate these included on the website.
- 7** Posting it on the WUMC website would be good enough - they don't have to be sent.
- 8** Agendas and minutes should go to committee members regularly BEFORE a meeting. I dislike going to a meeting of a committee with no idea why I am going.
- 9** I don't need anything extra to read other than what is now being provided. My committee is handled very well.
- 10** I assume the committee meetings referred to are ones that I actually belong to and not every committee in the Church.
- we are doing a good job of reporting what's happening and dates, etc. of upcoming events. What we need is a little more activity/communication of key mission/vision/values of where we are headed. To have that regularly discussed and lifted up provides an important frame for the congregation to find energy. In addition, efforts to get our various committees to communicate/share/plan would be helpful. Some of this is underway and maybe it just takes time.
- 11** Committee agendas and minutes would be helpful when serving on committees.
- 12** Also-We don't like the fact that the children have to sit with the adults during the traditional service. We want it the way it was- with Sunday School being for children after "Children's Moments". Adults have plenty of opportunity to attend their own "Sunday School". With programs being offered in the afternoon or in the evening. (For people who work). We don't want to spend 2 hours every Sunday in church and feel angry that we didn't get to vote, etc. Who made this decision? Why wasn't it discussed with us? We were left in the dark and frankly, are resentful!
- 13** Maybe you could post them online and folks can access them if they want to?
- 14** None
- 15** Committee meeting agendas and minutes helpful only if I belong to said committees.
- 16** I think it would be helpful but could easily be summarized in weekly newsletters. I don't need every detail, just the facts.
- 17** I don't know that I'd like to receive meeting agendas and minutes, but would rather know that they are available to access should I want to see them (i.e. on the website)
- 18** none
- 19** There does not seem to be a need for the agendas of the various committees. Minutes, stored in a specific location at the church, could be helpful to other committee chairpersons to help coordinate activities and projects.
- 20** Financial information should be furnished frequently. Endowment & memorial should be furnished periodically, more than once a year. Information regarding endowment and memorial gifts should be available and these should be encouraged.
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- 22** by e-mail of course
23 Would love to see financial status update in the bulletin weekly... are we meeting our goals, are we short, etc.
24 None
25 I'd rather this information was on our Web site so I could go and see it -- I don't need any more email or regular mail.

Our financial attitude is one of secrecy- For example, our church conveniently ignored/covered the money that we lost a year ago- No-one in a leadership role addressed that issue. It is still a perception to many members that the person(s) responsible was able to keep their position and not accept responsibility. The church spun it as a "lack of giving". A very transparent, dishonest resolution to a huge problem that still exists. Additionally, we paid a professional consultant to spend hundreds of hours, interviewing not only on a one-on-one basis, but also a cross=section of ages and groups from our congregation. That process was lead by our senior pastor and a chosen committee of respected church leaders. Out of that came a wonderful and detailed "SELAH" report that has more information in it about aspects of our church's communication. Why not use it? Why has it not been circulated? Our current pastors seem to have pushed that under the table and labeled it as "outdated", and "biased". What a slap in the face to congregation members- most of whom are still involved, who gave their opinions on every detail within our church and ways that we can move forward, rather than die. Again, our current leaders lives by fear.

- 26**
27 None
28 na

- 29** if minutes are posted, may not need to post agendas; I am thinking of a very abbreviated version of the meeting minutes -- topics discussed, any decisions made; could these just be posted online?

You don't want to overwhelm people with too much information but you can make it available to people if they are interested - maybe make it available as a link on the newsletter. Don't send another email - then if you have an important email you will be in danger of having people overlook them because you have them receiving emails all the time - they will start to skim over them and just delete them all together.

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31 I would only need info on specific committees to receive more would be overload.
32 I particularly think that the yearly goals and progress against them for the various committees would be highly useful