

Leadership Board Meeting

5/25/2023

Present: Pastor Jenny Arneson, Jack Malone (Chair), Pastor Brad Mather, Sarah Bolen, Amanda Hinthorn, Christy Tubbs, Paul Esser, Pat Flaherty, Dee Heller, Patricia Harrington

Excused: Terry Twedell and Judy Krebs

Devotions—Christy provided a reading from John 1:9-15 and talked about the significance of Memorial Day.

Minutes from April 27 approved as written.

Staff Sharing (Amanda Hinthorn, Director of Technology & Online Communication)

Goal setting for the next 3 months (now through Fall Programming).

Getting ready for fall sanctuary

New computer for sanctuary

Lighting Improvement

Increased accessibility

Rearrangement of seating into the round

Increased technology in fellowship hall in anticipation of increased number of groups.

Sound system

Projection

Microphones

Make change to safe sanctuaries manual. Claire is now in charge of this.

Currently must opt in for social media. Will change to opt out. This will make it easier for staff across all programs to keep info accurate with a shared master form for all to use. Motion by Pat, second by Sarah. Approved unanimously.

Wesley House: Would like to use a room in this area as a recording studio and dedicated space for the equipment. Currently 4 small groups meet there and much of the house is used for storage. All entry points are secured with Fob, camera and entry key for the recording room. Leadership group supports this plan.

We appreciate all of Amandas talents and work!

Goals and Priorities:

In Church and On line

Disaffiliation and staying United Methodist

This week is Pentecost “Birth of the church”. Acts 2 reading by Jenny

Where are we as a church and as a denomination?

Where are we personally as a United Methodist?

We each shared out thoughts.

Importance of telling our stories, praying and reflection going forward.

Cash flow fairly consistent—still paying \$3,000 over on mortgage each month
Money market up to 3.5%
Checking .65%

About 40 churches will be disaffiliating in the Wisconsin Conference—this will reduce apportionment income by approximately \$800,000. Every church will be asked to cut approximately 10% to address this issue.

Income Statement:

April –broke even
Net loss for year approx. \$28, 000.

Fund balance sheets will be completed by the end of June.

Bashford UMC will close at the end of June. They have been allowed to keep some of the endowments. They plan to gift SPUMC \$ 195,322.00. This has been placed into an account that is unrestricted in its use.

Approximately 20 people will be transferring membership from Bashford to SPUMC.

Green Space—Going better. Christy and Pat have joined the committee. More focus on outcomes now, decisions are being made. Drainage and dead pine trees are next issue and will be referred to Trustees for action. Next meeting Second Tuesday of June.

Trustees

Judy and Janine are effective co-chairs
Service contract for grass and snow—vendor change effective June 1.
List of vendors created so that everyone knows who to call when issues pop up unexpectedly.
Next big issue is carpet tile replacement

Staff Parish

Administrative Secretary recruitment
Leadership board to be present at the door with greeters to ensure new attendees are made to feel welcome and provided with information they may need above and beyond what greeters can accomplish with their busy role. Sign up sheet for volunteers to commit to specific Sundays.
Consider a table for new people in fellowship hall at coffee time to be staffed by someone from leadership board.

Sponsoring community events

Juneteenth Celebration—June 19 at Wetmore Park
Pride Event—June 24 also at Wetmore Park

Annual Conference gathers in Green Bay on June 9-10

Mike Vavrus and Marcia Flaherty are our lay members to Annual Conference.

Monday will be a Day of Learning from 9-12 noon. Can participate on line or in person.

Jenny sent info out if you are able to join the educational component and discussion about how to support minority clergy and cross-cultural appointments of clergy.

Summer worship starts this weekend

1 Service in the parking lot at 9 am.

No June Meeting

Dee Devotions for July 27 meeting

Christy closed us in prayer.

Notes by Dee Heller