

Leadership Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 20, 2019

“Love God. Love Others. Share Christ with the World.”

ATTENDEES

Board Members: Michael Diggs (Chair), Carl Timmer (Vice-Chair), Peg Williams, Pastor Garry Livermon, Pastor Marie Allen, Chris Woodfin, Scott Dormire, Dorothy Freneau, and Tammy Rojek and guest Richard Collins Trustee

1. Devotional

Michael asked that we open the meeting in the sanctuary. **Peg** gave the devotional “Healing Streams” and led the opening prayer. After a group prayer, we returned to the meeting room.

2. Approval of minutes

Chris MOTION to approve August minutes with one edit

Peg SECOND

PASSED Unanimous

3. Pastor’s Report

Pastor Marie shared:

- The recent Connect Café was well attended. There is a group of new attendees interested in joining the church.
- The Philippians Bible study continues and has been well attended.
- The Koinonia group has a dinner planned on Wednesday at the Governor’s Land Country Club.

Pastor Garry shared:

- After prayer and fasting, the MLT voted for a one Sunday morning service with a new start time of 10:30am. The one service will open the opportunity to hold Sunday school classes, Bible Studies and a Confirmation Class prior to the service. If in the future it is determined that we should revert back to two services—that can certainly be done.
- An anonymous donor has offered to upgrade the kitchen. The upgrade will include new appliances 2 refrigerators, 2 stoves, dishwasher and a Bun coffeemaker.
- The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is holding a breakfast for Justin and Sierra this Saturday 9am at Life Church on Longhill Road.
- A link will be shared detailing the Annapolis 3 Point Plan regarding the progressive and conservative stance within the United Methodist Church. The Plan will be presented at the General Conference May 2020.
- Rev. Rob McCorkle is scheduled to preach October 7-11, 2020.

- An invitation was given for everyone to attend the 238th Virginia Annual Conference June 18-20, 2020 and consider being a delegate. A nominee profile form was distributed.

4. Worship Director Search update

Chris shared that we have two candidates, Andrew Peterson and Harrison Merriman. Andrew Peterson will lead worship this Sunday and will be interviewed after the service. An interview with Harrison Merriman will be scheduled. Everyone agreed that they are two great applicants and to keep praying. Update 8/28/2019: The Worship Director search team offered the position to Harrison Merriman and he accepted. Harrison will start in his new role on 10/1/2019.

5. Treasurer's Report

Michael shared the monthly reports in Rich's absence. On the profit and loss report, Pastor Garry commented that though we currently have less attending—less are giving more.

6. Implementation of Contribution Policy

Michael passed out a list that he prepared of all the ministries broken into two groups – General Fund (internal) and Missions Funding (external). He asked that each member select several ministries from the list and go through a “vetting” process. This process will insure transparency of each ministry and no conflict of interests. Michael will work with Donna on constructing a form to assist with the vetting process steps. The vetting process should be reviewed every 6 mos. to 1 year. A website was shared, that enables you to research the financial information of ministries -- Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability website.

Since we have an on-going relationship with some of those on the list, the following were approved prior to formal vetting: Rick Bonfin Ministries, Jeremiah Project, 3E Restoration, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Kairos, Appalachia Service Project, Community of Faith Mission, Grace Inside (Kairos), Grove Christian Outreach Center and Proclaiming Grace. Mission of Hope (Bolivia) and TMS (Paiges) were vetted by Michael, presented to the LB, and approved by the LB.

Michael also led a discussion of allotting a portion of future estimated missions funding to support ministry education and mission trips in accordance with the Contribution Policy. The ministry education would support church leaders and congregation members to continue education/grow deeper through short term (one week long or shorter) conferences, seminars, workshops, classes and training programs. Dorothy suggested that opportunities for the children and youth leaders be made available to impart renewal and growth. Pastor Marie suggested that money could be spent securing reservations for events so that space would not be sold out such as the New Room event; reservations can be made the first of the year. It was agreed that the Ministry Education fund would be allocated \$1000 and Mission Organizations fund would be allocated \$2500 to be available for MLT to manage for the remainder of 2019. The LB voted to approve RBM Brazil and Cuba, JP Summer Work Camp and Middle School Weekend, and ASP as mission trips, and New Room Conference and UMC Certified Lay Minister as approved ministry education programs.

7. August Tithe

\$550 (25%) of mission trip for Ruth Wright for Mission of Hope Bolivia. Update – an email was sent to the LB after the August LB meeting for approval to allocate \$1000 Shoebox ministry, \$1250 Charlie and Pam Dumont for both to attend the Cuba mission trip and \$102 Peg Williams to attend the New Room Conference.

8. Group prayer closed the meeting.

9. Next LB meeting is September 17, 2019