

September 20, 2016 LB Minutes for New Town UMC

Love God, Love Others, Share Christ with the World

Attendance:

Carl Timmer – Chair

Pam Klepec

John Lohr

Dee Scott

Rick Machamer

Cameron Boone

Peg Williams

Christine Hernandez

Mark Matney

Jeff Koob

Devotional by Mark Matney

Approve the August Minutes – Carl motions and the minutes pass unanimously

Training Opportunities – District Superintendent is going to be leading classes on conflict management. If you would like to attend, the church office has handouts highlighting the times and dates. They will cost 25.00 per person.

Leadership Structure Revision – The board discusses a brief history of how the Simple Church structure came to New Town. The structure required an Executive Director and a simplified administration (the Leadership Board replacing the typical UMC structure, which consisted of three separate committees). The Simple Church is not the norm in the United Methodist Church. With no Executive Director, New Town needs a permanent finance team... so we are no longer operating under the Simple Church model. We are also not in a traditional UMC structure either. Many of our church documents still refer to an Executive Director, and we need to be praying about a change. How do we decide what to do about our current leadership structure? Do we need a charge conference to authorize these changes? Can the leadership structure be handled by the current Long Range Strategic Planning Committee? Has this been announced from the pulpit? These are just a few of the questions the board has been tasked to prayerfully consider coming into the October meeting.

Charge Conference Coming Up – The D.S. told us that we need to have an “artful” presentation highlighting one of our ministries to present at charge conference. After some brief discussion, the board decides that Cameron will find a way to incorporate the youth band ministry in an artful way and report back in October what that will look like.

Paying 5k for apportionments – discussion from August meeting about Mike’s request that we make a one-time payment to the retired pastor’s pension apportionment. Discussion about the ramifications of not paying apportionments and how that has potentially had an adverse effect on our church. Carl motions we make the payment, and the vote carries by verbal vote.

Gretchen’s idea to raise money – Gretchen gave Carl an idea to present to LB that would generate 7-8k per year. Basically, the preschool would expand to have a kindergarten program, either by using the sanctuary or expanding the youth room by knocking down the wall between the youth room and the back offices. After some discussion about how this would affect other staff and the youth program, as well as other potential options (such as a trailer to provide more space), the board decides that for something that would involve knocking down walls we need a really deep understanding of the costs vs. the benefits before making a decision.

Budget – Rick presents the Treasurer’ Report and the board reviewed the budget. Copies available in the church office. Discussion involves whether we have to spend everything in the budget (no), making sure contracts with vendors do not automatically renew (usually at very unfavorable terms), the history of the church-tithe and what that will look like going forward, how to do a provisional budget to get to charge conference and pass a vote. This is a giving-dependent budget. Dee motions to approve the budget, Peg seconds and the budget passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourns.