

LB meeting Feb 17, 2015 Unapproved minutes

Pam D. shared a devotion and Tom H. shared the story of how NTUMC church building came to be built.

Present:

Pam Dumont
John Lohr
Terry Bossieux
Carl Timmer
Tom Hassler
Gary Allen (on phone)

Pastor Mike
Jeff Koob
Wayne Harbough

With only 6 LB members present, there was no quorum.

Update on Pastor's Vision

Pastor Mike has gotten feedback that it would be good for some of the people helped to be from this congregation. But Mike was hoping for this to be more evangelistic. Has not decided yet what name to call this ministry. Would like to meet with the congregation quarterly similar to the kickoff meeting.

Pam mentioned a previously existing ministry in which a group of 12 people helped to meet one-time needs of congregation members. Would be a different type of outreach but similar to Pastor's vision.

Grant Update

Karen Goins shared about applying for district grant to implement an outreach to Strawberry Plains community with the youth. Still doing research on how to approach that community and still waiting to hear on whether the grant will be funded.

District Superintendent Kim's visit

John struck by her faith is saying, "Is money your only problem? Just ask God."
Gary was surprised that not paying the apportionment was not an issue and didn't even come up. Pam thought Pastor Kim was expecting financial difficulties as Joe Carson previously mentioned we would probably see a drop in attendance when Pastor Ford left. Pastor Mike has heard no feedback from Pastor Kim.

Finances

Operating deficit was about \$13K in Jan. Giving per attendee is actually up over 2 years. Nothing out of the ordinary this year so far.

Ad Hoc Report

Terry said the team has come up with a list of action items and a set of criteria to evaluate them. He wanted approval to start on time sensitive items but without a quorum, no approval could be granted.

Pam didn't like the idea of approaching the top ten givers for more as they may be stretching already. She suggested challenging congregation members to each come up with an idea to raise \$5k.

A letter will be sent out to the congregation to let them know of our financial difficulties and to ask for ideas. A church wide meeting will be called on March 1st.

Gary suggested having a stewardship moment every week in each service without it being negative and also mentioned that bulletin announcements are inadequate.

Karen will get the website set up to take input from the congregation.

Trustee Report

Wayne will talk to all the trustees on Thursday about expense reducing ideas. He wanted direction on how the Simple Church model affected his responsibilities, and will meet with MLT to get insight on this.

A security report was made which suggested clearing away undergrowth from around the church. Question was raised, do we need a security team?

Wayne is going to establish separate committees, each headed by a trustee, for various things such as one for the building and another for the grounds.

Playground needs more mulch.

LB Chair Remarks

Tom postponed approval of minutes since no quorum present.

District training on being LB chair brought to light the fact that LB is responsible to review membership roles annually. NTUMC is unique in that LB meetings start with devotions.

Tom handed out or will hand out calendars to SPR chair, ED, Trustee chair and himself.

Jeff mentioned he asked MLT to get a group of people together to pray for the Ad Hoc Finance Team.