

Leadership Board Minutes for July 21, 2015

The following LB members were in attendance: Terry Bossieux, Tiffany Dormire, Pam Dumont, Tom Hassler, Pam Klepec, John Lohr, Carl Timmer. Gary Allen was in attendance by phone. Mike Derflinger, Jeff Koob and Doug Harshbarger were also in attendance.

1. Tom Hassler gave the devotion. He suggested the following three books for thought provoking reading: The Living Church, The Reason for God and Gracious Imperatives.
2. John Lohr shared his story.
3. Doug Harshbarger shared his ministry, "Seniors as a Resource". His group holds a job club twice a month and a yearly job fair at the Historic Triangle Center. He specializes in helping seniors (age 45+) to change careers, get jobs and find opportunities for volunteering. He indicated he has worked with several members of our congregation.
4. Pastor Mike gave a facility usage update. There was no update from the Faith for Remnant congregation. City Life is in conversation to possibly use our facility beginning in August.
5. Pastor Mike gave an update on the Simple Church status. He said we are finishing up alignment as to where each ministry has a home and a staff person to help coordinate resources and volunteers. There is ongoing discussion as to what is fruitful and needs to stay and what needs to be eliminated or moved to individuals.
6. Pastor Mike also gave an update on the 3eR Process. Twenty-two responses were received from the survey sent out. There was a suggestion for the survey to be resent under separate cover just in case someone missed it. Training for 3eR is finishing up as well.
7. Pastor Mike also spoke about the Out of the Box ministry. Several small groups have signed up to volunteer as well as many individuals.
8. Executive Director, Jeff Koob, gave the finance/treasurer's report. Giving is up over this time last year. The deficit has improved as well since this time last year. Other than February June was been the lowest month. However, it was reiterated that the giving in summer has that trend. There was continued discussion and agreement to catch up and pay all apportionments by the end of the year.
9. Pastor Mike spoke about the stewardship campaign plan. There will be a church-wide small group study based on the book, The Blessed Life. Stephanie Turner will be coordinating this. The study will include 4 Sunday morning messages on October 11, 18, 25 and Nov. 1. The November message may be followed up by a fellowship meal. That is TBA. Mike said he shared his vision to MLT, and they are working on a strategy for carrying out the campaign. The stewardship leader and team is also TBA. There was some discussion about the effectiveness of pledge cards and accountability. Mike

will revisit small groups during the fall to ask, "How's it going?" He will give us several questions to think about as he did the last time he went around to small groups.

10. There was a motion to approve the June 16 minutes by Carl Timmer. Gary Allen seconded it. The minutes were unanimously approved.
11. There was discussion about the creation of an AD Hoc Publicity Team. Pam Dumont motioned the leadership board encourage the MLT to form a publicity/marketing committee. John Lohr seconded it. It was unanimously approved.
12. Tom Hassler proposed a closed session of the Leadership Board to help Pastor Mike get the thoughts of the board in response to the three main points addressed at the Annual conference including the reference to ordaining practicing homosexuals and conducting same sex marriages. The closed meeting will be followed up by a congregational meeting. Pastor Mike said he will travel for a special session with various clergy on Sept. 15-19 on this topic.
13. Mike indicated he has met with Tom and Gary who are on the lay leadership team to discuss changes to the lay leadership application. Some questions may now be asked in the meeting rather than on the application.
14. Tom concluded the meeting at 8:50p.m. after round table remarks.