

Aldersgate United Methodist Leadership Team Meeting July 17, 2018

Leah Matthews welcomed everyone and began the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Leadership Team and Staff Members Present:

Leah Matthews, Steve Larkin, Richard Bass, Frank Kyle, Charlotte Rexroad, Mark and Shari Van Buren, Mark Husband, Travis Gianchetta, Dennis Perry, Cheryl Bratten, and Terri Phillips

Becky Connell, Carrie Henderson, Michelle Matthews, Emily Moore-Diamond, Paul Amos, Christian Burnette, and Harry Evans were unable to attend. Lew Ashley observed the meeting.

I. April Meeting Minutes

Leah reminded the team that the March 17, 2018 meeting minutes were available on Realm and the Aldersgate web site. No comments or edits were noted.

II. Updates

- Connections – Website update, Richard Bass
 - o While the goal was to have a link to the Leadership Team for feedback after last month's meeting, there were once again issues with the vendor. Those issues are being worked through and a link will be provided tomorrow.
 - o The Leadership Team was asked to provide feedback on the look, feel, and user interface of the design as the content is still being revised.

- Kingstowne Update – Steve Larkin
 - o Michelle sent the team a document (attached) as she was away at a conference ordination session.
 - o Steve highlighted how active Kingstowne has been this year as well as the new strategies – Pop-Up Worship and Special Worship Sundays – and that weekly worship attendance and congregational giving has increased.

- Staff Leadership Retreat – Dennis Perry
 - o The Leadership Team and Staff will meet at Cedar Knoll on September 8 from 9-3pm.
 - o Areas to be covered include:
 - Calendar for the coming year
 - Goals for the upcoming year
 - The Way Forward presentation from Dennis

III. New Business

We have invited Tom Berlin of Floris UMC to join us on Saturday, October 20. Tom is on The Commission on the Way Forward and will help us understand where things are leading into the February General Conference. Tom will preach during the Saturday service which will be followed by a time for dessert and discussion. We will promote the event and hope to have 100 or more from the congregation attend.

IV. Financials & Stewardship – Cheryl Bratten

- Highlights from the June financials
 - o We are still tracking behind, more than we expected for this time of year.
 - o An initial round of cuts was implemented after the June meeting.
 - o Staff has been asked to hold budgeted expenses by 15%.
- The Stewardship campaign this fall will focus on annual giving. It will also include a volunteer component to increase engagement within the congregation.
 - o Still need a leader for the fall campaign. Leah reminded the team that as the core leaders, we really need to look at our relationships within the church to help in finding the leader for the campaign.

V. Trustee Update

Terri passed out to those in attendance the contract bid for repairs to the Ansbury Parsonage. The total on the contract was \$9,300 with an additional \$4000 that was reported in an email for the repair of the subfloor in the bedroom.

The following motion was presented: to accept the bid as submitted for a total of \$13,100.

Moved by Frank Kyle and seconded by Steve Larkin. The motion carried with none opposed.

VI. Staff Parish

The open meeting concluded and after a short break the leadership team moved into a closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Submitted by,

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