

Aldersgate United Methodist Leadership Team Meeting September 18, 2018

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

Leadership Team and Staff Members Present:

Leah Matthews, Steve Larkin, Mark Husband, Frank Kyle, Terri Phillips, Carrie Henderson, Becky Connell, Richard Bass, Charlotte Rexroad, Dennis Perry, Cheryl Bratten, Sarah Lynn Mertins, Emily Moore-Diamond, Mark & Shari Van Buren, and Michelle Matthews.

Paul Amos, Harry Evans, Travis Gianchetta, and Christian Burnette were unable to attend.

The meeting format for the evening was an open forum discussion. The team looked at the August Financial report and Cheryl conveyed to the team her review of the budget and concerns that revenue projections were not being met. She indicated that the team would continue to monitor the budget to actual analysis looking for ways to reduce this over the rest of the fiscal year. The programming budget areas were at or below budget requirements, program managers are doing a good job at cost savings and working within their budget line items.

One of the areas the team worked on at the Leadership retreat was group event planning. The team committed to submitting their budget data for the 2019 fiscal year to Terri by the October meeting to begin the process of pulling together the overall 2019 budget.

Leah gave an overview of what the stewardship campaign will look like for the fall. Several of the key areas will include:

- A push to get the congregation more involved in using our Realm database system
- Use of Video/Facebook/Visuals around church to get folks excited by the campaign
- An update to the letters sent to the congregation in 2016 to determine how find best to connect with different groups of givers
- Determining how the volunteer booklet should be organized and what information works best to encourage folks to complete it

The Stewardship Team will meet again on October 2 and Mark & Shari Van Buren were invited to join the meeting to discuss how best to use the phone tree process. An idea presented to the team was the possibility of a Giving Tree. The idea would be to present those items deemed "low hanging fruit" as a way for the congregation to fulfill some of the volunteer/budget items.

Steve Larkin gave an update on how the Connections Ministry Team was proceeding. Steve, Emily, and Richard meet weekly and discuss upcoming short & long term items/events. These include preparations for the Simple Supper Sermon Series, gathering numbers to provide a visual impact of our ministries.

Mark Van Buren updated the team on the progress of Instruction Ministry Team. The team has been pulling together numbers for visual graphic as well as the volunteer opportunities for the stewardship booklet. The team hosted a meeting of the Small Group Leaders on September 16th to gather information of what is needed by the leaders as well as what is working well. The team will distribute surveys to the Wellness classes and Day School parents to see if additional connectional opportunities would be welcomed.

Sarah Lynn updated the team on the progress of the Missions Team. Sarah Lynn and Emily have met to set the date for our next Service Sunday. It will be Dec 16 and will include several work areas:

- Sewing area – making no-sew blankets for those in need
- Rise Against Hunger meal packing
- Green bag collection for Health Kits to support UMCOR
- Note cards made by children and others led by Elaine, Patty, & Judy Jurkowski
- Sunday Suppers preparations
- Alternate Gift Giving Bazaar table setup

Additional possibilities provided by the Leadership Team include:

- Christmas Caroling to shut-ins
- Make an ornament and take to a shut-in
- Canvas the neighborhood with items from church
- Find a sponsor to offset the cost of the event

Leah thanked all for attending and Emily closed the meeting with a prayer at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by,

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