

Aldersgate United Methodist Leadership Team Meeting November 20, 2018

Leah Matthews opened the meeting with prayer at 7:03 p.m. She welcomed everyone and gave a special welcome to the Kingstowne team in attendance.

Leadership Team and Staff Members Present:

Leah Matthews, Cheryl Bratten, Mark and Shari VanBuren, Charlotte Rexroad, Steve Larkin, Christian Burnette, Michelle Matthews, Travis Gianchetta, Frank Kyle, and Terri Phillips.

Dennis Perry, Emily Moore-Diamond, Becky Connell, Sarah Lynn Mertins, Richard Bass, Paul Amos, Harry Evans, Carrie Henderson, and Mark Husband were unable to attend.

Nathan Truitt attended from the congregation.

I. October Meeting Minutes

Leah reminded the team that the October 16, 2018 meeting minutes were available on Realm and the Aldersgate web site. No comments or edits were noted.

II. Christmas Staff/Leadership Team Lunch

Leah reminded the team the luncheon will be on December 4, 12 p.m., at River Farm Garden Park.

III. Connections

Steve Larkin updated the team on the success of the Simple Supper Sermon Series

- The suppers were launched 6 weeks ago
- A light supper with discussion on the preceding sermon and the passage for the coming week's service went extremely well.
- The average attendance was 35 each week.
- The meals did not quite breakeven through the donations given.
- There were about 3 new families that were participating in a group event for the very first time.

IV. Commitment Sunday

- The Gospel Mass and the Jazz trio were awesome. Everyone enjoyed the service format for the morning.
- Preliminary numbers
 - o Prior to Commitment Weekend - \$73,050 in pledges received.
 - o Given Commitment Weekend - \$664,207 in pledges
 - o Total of \$737,257 from 156 pledging units received for the 2019 Operating Budget.
- What is the follow-up plan? Becky will set up a meeting of the Stewardship Team the first week of December.
- Additional information that would be helpful for the Leadership Team to have is:
 - o Average Sunday attendance vs. pledges received
 - o Is the number this year up/down from the last pledge campaign?

- It was noted that the 8:30 service may have been confused about when to bring their pledges forward or to services. This might be a good group to receive phone calls if it appears many have not pledged.

V. Financials

- Cheryl reminded the team we are still trending for a larger deficit than we projected.
- Terri updated the team on several of the changes made to the report to include additional line item breakouts within the report to clarify reporting.
- Cheryl stated she is not comfortable with the hope and a prayer budgeting. Need to look at the process for finalizing the 2019 budget.
- The Team members discussed the whether there was need for a “Call to Action” to meet the budget for 2018.

VI. Kingstowne update

- Michelle gave an update on Kingstowne by the numbers (see attached document).
- Cheryl Bratten and Nathan Truitt were part of the Transition team. Cheryl presented the recommendations of the team (see attached).
- There have been many new members and a few baptisms in the past few weeks.

VII. Janitorial Contract

- Becky supplied Leah and the team with 4 bids options for the facility custodial contract.
- We are currently paying an average of \$9000 per month and Becky is not happy with the services being provided by the current company.
- The team discussed the options placed before them and the following motion was made:
 - o The Leadership Team selected the bid presented by CleanNet. As long as there are no objections from Becky, we should proceed with the change in contractor.

Moved by Steve Larkin and seconded by Cheryl Bratten. The motion carried with none opposed.

VIII. Upcoming events:

- December 4 – Staff/Leadership Team Christmas Luncheon
- December 16 – Service Sunday Children’s Choirs, Handbells, & Choirs will all be participating
- December 24, 12 p.m. thru January 2, 2019 – Offices Closed with minimal staffing on December 31.
- January 11, 2019 – Pastor/SPRC Preference forms due to the District Office
- January 12, 2019 – Bi-District Training Day.

Michelle closed us with prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Submitted by,

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