

Platte Woods United Methodist Church
Meeting Minutes of Leadership Council
September 11, 2017

The regular meeting of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church Leadership Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on September 11, 2017, by Jake Schneider. Jake opened the meeting with a time of devotion focused on Jesus' promise of the Holy Spirit in John 14.

Present

Julie Rule, Lori Bogart, Jessica Richard, Nancy Liston, Jake Schneider, Al Minnis, John Miller, Marc Evans, Kirby McDaniel, Michael Hundt, Melissa Spencer, Andrea Hunter, Shari Albright

Following a motion by Michael, seconded by Shari, the minutes of the August 21, 2017, meeting were approved.

New Business

Jake reported on the 9/07/17 meeting with Roger Ross, Director for the Center of Congregational Excellence. Rev. Dr. Ross had mostly positive feedback on the health and strength of the church and gave insights on the direction the church is going. He had recommendations for the use of video in the worship experience, to document and share personal aspects of church life and life-change stories. Jake indicated that there will be follow up meetings to discuss improvements for retention and that a coach/consultant for Pastor Steve may be appointed to provide guidance on this matter.

The week of September 17-23 is the Missouri Conference's week to be in prayer for the Commission on A Way Forward. John explained that Steve will lead a prayer program on the morning of September 20, 2017. The congregation has been invited to attend. John added that individuals can also sign up online through the Missouri Conference.

Nancy provided an update on the Congregational Care Ministry. The prayer requests from the bulletins are now going to a dedicated prayer team. The care note, visitation, and bereavement groups all have meetings scheduled in the near future. There will also be changes coming to the Prayer Room to provide for increased access during regular building hours.

Michael explained that the updated website is being rolled out this week and requested that staff and Leadership Council members review to help identify any potential problems before the formal launch. Michael also provided a Strategic Planning update and explained that they are still in the information gathering stage.

Lori provided a staffing update. Rick Hamman has stepped down as the interim facilities manager, and those duties are being split among current maintenance staff. Outside custodial services have been hired for PDO and Sunbeams to help allow for this. Lori explained that there is a need for additional administrative work, particularly in finance.

Building Update

Lori covered the updates on landscaping, including the west retention pond's rework for proper drainage. City of Platte Woods has acknowledged the recent landscaping improvements. The lower level drainage problems on the east side of the property are still being addressed. The HVAC contractor was able to identify and correct the source of the roof leaks. Lori explained that visitor parking signage was budgeted for, and that there have been requests for additional handicap spaces; both requests are being evaluated and considered.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Michael, second from Kirby. The next meeting of the Leadership Council will be at 6:30 p.m. on October 9, 2017. Accountability groups met separately upon adjournment of the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer, Secretary