

Platte Woods United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes of Leadership Council

October 9, 2017

The regular meeting of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church Leadership Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 9, 2017, by Steve Breon. Steve opened the meeting with a time of devotion, with a focus on adapting to change.

Present

Julie Rule, Lori Bogart, Jessica Richard, Steve Breon, Jake Schneider, Al Minnis, John Miller, Kirby McDaniel, Michael Hundt, Melissa Spencer, Andrea Hunter, Shari Albright

Following a motion by Al, seconded by Shari, the minutes of the September 11, 2017, meeting were approved.

New Business

Steve explained that the stewardship commitment cards will be going out with individualized messages based on giving levels, to be turned in the weekend of October 28/29. There will also be service commitment cards, inviting people to serve, and staff will be expected to contact those individuals within 48 hours to align them with an opportunity for service.

Steve proposed the idea of a preaching planning focus group of 7-10 people representing the congregation to provide input on what the congregation would like to hear from sermons. Currently he and Jake do the bulk of the planning.

Steve discussed the changes to the Christmas service schedule this year, with Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday.

Jessica gave an updated about the Trunk 'r Treat event to be held on October 29, 2017, at Plaza Middle School. She explained the intentions behind moving this event offsite and the goals behind the community outreach that will coincide.

Michael provided a Strategic Planning update. He and Warren met recently and would like the leadership council's input on what the church's vision is. Based on this, they will know which areas to analyze and how in depth they need to go.

Steve briefed the council on the annual church conference, scheduled for January 28, 2018. He is asking staff to look at different areas of the church to highlight people who have served and recognize them in a celebration of ministries.

Steve provided a book to the members of leadership council, "The 4 Disciplines of Execution: Achieving Your Wildly Important Goals", to be discussed at the next meeting of the council. Roger Ross is a big proponent of this book.

Steve asked the council for approval of a 2% salary increase for the staff. No concerns were addressed from the leadership council. This has been budgeted for and will be approved at conference, to be implemented in January.

Financial Update

Lori, Steve, and Misty met with the financial team and went over the financial reports. The financial team would like future reports to focus on the budget variances and build reports accordingly.

Building Update

Lori explained that the landscaping is mostly finished; the contract requires replacement of plants that don't survive over the winter. There are just a few final things to be addressed, then the account can be closed out with Harmon.

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 November 13, 2017. Accountability groups met separately upon adjournment of the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer, Secretary