

Platte Woods United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes of Leadership Council

March 12, 2018

The regular meeting of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church Leadership Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 12, 2018, by Steve Breon.

Present

Julie Rule, Steve Breon, Lori Bogart, Jake Schneider, Jessica Richard, Nancy Liston, Clark Mershon, Christie Dade, Erin Cox, Kirby McDaniel, Michael Hundt, Jamie Grayson, Melissa Spencer, Andrea Hunter, Jennifer Simms, Marc Evans, Warren Dudley, Al Minnis

The minutes of the February 12, 2018, meeting were approved upon motion by Marc, with a second from Jamie.

New Business

Jennifer provided an update on several ongoing missions and partnerships, including those with Iglesia de Camino on Independence Avenue and Southeast Elementary School. There will be 2 trips this summer to the Pine Ridge Reservation, and the church is beginning a new partnership with Cross-Lines Community Outreach in Kansas City, Kansas, providing meals beginning in July.

Steve lead a discussion of the book, The Unstuck Church. The goal of the church is to be in the Sustained Health phase with 5% annual growth over time, with unity of purpose and bearing good fruit (making disciples), and where ministries are multiplying while embracing new ones. Steve explained that the church is generally in the Maintenance phase (where there is a tendency to become inwardly focused), and that the Strategic Plan is intended to help renew the Vision and focus on attracting new young families to the church.

Lori gave an update on the formation of the Safety Team. Some members will receive in-depth training for the Level 3 group. Looking at communication devices and low-key identification so congregation can recognize.

Steve explained that there will be 4 similar worship services held in the worship center on Easter Sunday.

Other Business

Lori gave updates on worship attendance numbers for the first two months of the year; trending up after several weekends of bad weather at the beginning of the year.

Michael and Warren provided a Strategic Planning update. The steering committee has been meeting to refine the Vision and Goals. The Vision includes how important it is to bring in new people to the church, and the two main Goals are Discipleship and Evangelism. Michael said that ideally, each goal should have a leader of each area. The steering committee is meeting later this month to set a timeline, and Steve wants this on the agenda for the next meeting. Michael asked the Council to follow up with them on any ideas and/or suggestions.

Nancy highlighted the upcoming Taste of Passover service and meal, with communion, on March 29, 2018.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Michael, second from Jamie. The next meeting of the Leadership Council will be at 6:30 p.m. on April 9, 2018. Accountability groups met upon adjournment of the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer, Secretary