

Platte Woods United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes of Leadership Council

May 14, 2018

The regular meeting of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church Leadership Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on May 14, 2018, by Steve Breon.

Present

Julie Rule, Steve Breon, Lori Bogart, Jessica Richard, Nancy Liston, Misty Wilkinson, Erin Cox, Kirby McDaniel, Jamie Grayson, John Miller, Melissa Spencer, Andrea Hunter, Al Minnis, Marc Evans

The minutes of the April 9, 2018, meeting were approved, assuming spelling corrections of “Leader” to “Leadership” under Other Business. Motion by Al, with a second from Kirby.

Finance Update

Misti highlighted the revenue and expense variance report. Personnel expenses are down from budget, primarily because two vacancies were not filled that were open from last year’s budget. She is in the budgeting process now and currently meeting with all the different areas/ministries. She is going to discuss with Sue Arensberg about possibly being able to sponsor/assist some preschool families as a way to reach out to the community and bring new families to the church. The budget will be ready for approval by the Council at the June meeting.

New Business

An election was held for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions, which will be announced at the June meeting. Steve noted that Jake and Harmony will be preaching June 9/10 weekend while he is at annual conference. Michael and Warren met with staff recently regarding Strategic Planning, and Jessica explained that it was a productive meeting. Steve and Lori will be meeting with the coaching group from The Unstuck Group.

Other Business

Lori explained that in the next few weeks, the Safety Team will have a more noticeable presence, wearing yellow lanyards as identification, and they will start implementing the use of 2-way radios.

Regarding church metrics, Lori explained what criteria are used to define an engaged member: 8 or more times a year in worship, small groups, giving, and service. They are finding it has been difficult to track service and recognize this is an area to work on. She explained there are 270 engaged members (leaving service out), 883 participating in two of the categories, and over 1,000 in one of the categories. Steve mentioned that nearly 1,400 unique individuals worshipped at Platte Woods in the past 12 months. There were 1,200 first time visitors, and 25% returned at least a second time. Average weekly attendance is 875.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned upon motion by Jamie, second from Al. The next meeting of the Leadership Council will be at 6:30 p.m. on June 11, 2018. Accountability groups met after adjournment of the meeting.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer, Secretary