

**Platte Woods United Methodist Church**  
Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)  
October 14, 2019

**Present:**

**LC:** Christie Dade, Warren Dudley, Marc Evans, Jamie Grayson, Al Minnis, Amy Schemenauer, Erin Cox and Kirby McDaniel

**Staff:** Steve Breon and Lori Bogart

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on October 14, 2019 by Jamie Grayson, Chairperson.

**Minutes:** Ms. Dade moved and Ms. McDaniel seconded to approve the September 9, 2019 minutes and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**Financial Update**

Ms. Bogart reported the finance committee will be getting together soon to review FY Q1 budget and capital requests.

**Metrics Scoreboard**

Ms. Bogart shared the most current measures and data for September:

- Worship ave. weekly attendance: 779 (32 online)
  - Service format changed mid-Sept with the goal of 400 for the 9:30 service and since then we've had between 390-550.
- Children Sunday AM ave. weekly attendance: 131, an increase from Aug.
- Student Sunday ave. weekly attendance: 116
- Guest Retention dropped from Aug. to Sept: 15%
- Giving Units: 244
- % Serving internal/external: 163
- Professions of Faith: 0

**Personnel**

Dr. Breon announced his plans to retire in June 2020. He has informed the bishop and will let staff and the congregation know this week. He is working with the Bishop, LC, parish committee, Lance Witt from the Unstuck consultant group and coach Mr. Ozier, to help complete a successful transition. His replacement could be named as early as spring 2020.

Dr. Breon mentioned that Nancy may be retiring as well but would confirm that with her after his official announcement. The group noted a topic for future discussion on addressing how to handle congregational care; specifically, the pros/cons of a non-credentialed person handling this function for the church.

PWUMC will participate in the Missouri Conference Northwest District Cluster Charge Conference at Platte City UMC on Tuesday, October 29 at 6 p.m. At this meeting, members of our church leadership will vote on lay leadership in the coming year and pastoral support.

Member class 2020 would serve till May 2020 (Mr. Evans, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Minnis) Member class 2021 would serve till December 2020 (Ms. Cox, Ms. Dade, Mr. Dudley) Member class 2022 would serve till December 2021 (Mr. Hundt, Mr. Grayson, Ms. Schemenauer). The Nominating Committee (Chuck Coughlin, Missy Nelson, Julie Moise and Aaron Schmidt) proposed three new members (Brad Darnell, Lauren Hogle and Tom Short) for LC class of 2022 and two additional members for the Nominations Committee (Feruza Collins and Jeremy Morris) class of 2022 to bring it to a full committee of six members.

### **Other Business**

#### **The Way Forward**

The group reviewed the proposal regarding the Night of Conversation on Human Sexuality Britton prepared that outlined the format, content and group leader information. As previously discussed, this night would be led by the pastors who would address opposing beliefs and discuss the richness of differing beliefs followed by small group discussions. The targeted date was set for Oct. 21; however, no communications had been sent out. The group felt a week's notice was not enough time to adequately promote the event. LC recommended we look at a date in November and the group tentatively decided on Nov. 11. Jamie will follow up with Jennifer to get save-the-date announcements out to promote the Nov. event as soon as possible. The group also felt that the language should be streamlined to reflect the topic of human sexuality and not to refer to it as homosexuality.

#### **Strategic Planning updates**

No updates at this time.

Mr. Grayson closed meeting at 8 p.m. The next meeting is November 11, 2019 @ 6:30 p.m.  
Minutes submitted by Amy Schemenauer, Secretary