

## **Platte Woods United Methodist Church**

### **Meeting Minutes of Leadership Council**

April 9, 2018

The regular meeting of the Platte Woods United Methodist Church Leadership Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on April 9, 2018, by Steve Breon. Steve opened the meeting with a scripture reading and prayer.

#### **Present**

Julie Rule, Steve Breon, Lori Bogart, Jake Schneider, Jessica Richard, Nancy Liston, Christie Dade, Erin Cox, Kirby McDaniel, Michael Hundt, Jamie Grayson, John Miller, Melissa Spencer, Andrea Hunter, Shari Albright, Al Minnis, Marc Evans

The minutes of the March 12, 2018, meeting were approved, assuming spelling corrections of “and” to “an” under New Business and “Jaime” to “Jamie” under Adjournment. Motion by Kirby, with a second from Shari.

#### **New Business**

Pastoral evaluations were reviewed and discussed, with Steve, Nancy, Jessica, and Jake highlighting their achievements over the past year, as well as goals for the coming year. Suggestions to improve communication included additional opportunities for staff to share accomplishments and challenges with Leadership Council more frequently than once a year. Decision for staff to give another update in 6 months at the October meeting.

#### **Other Business**

Nancy highlighted the upcoming Lay Leader training that the church will be hosting on April 14, 2018.

Lori provided metrics on worship attendance and giving through the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of the year. Steve explained the jump in attendance and baptisms in March related to confirmation and highlighted the Sunbeams Preschool children singing in service the Sunday after Easter this year, which will be reflected in the April metrics.

Michael provided a Strategic Planning packet to the Council and highlighted items the Steering Committee has been working on in the last month, gathering data on attendance, volunteering, giving, and small groups participation. Steve would like the Council to review the documents and provide input. They are trying to measure engagement, which includes giving (generosity).

Steve discussed the planned updates to the Prayer Room and desire to keep the emphasis on prayer during the Strategic Planning process and implementation.

#### **Finance Update**

Lori explained that they don't have the quarterly endowment statements yet, so Misty has not yet closed the books for March. YTD, contributions remain above budget, and overall expenses are below budget. Maintenance expenses are exceeding budget YTD and will possibly remain above budgeted amounts as we consider the need to replace the dishwasher and ice machine in the kitchen during this budget year. Getting ready to go through budgeting process.

#### **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 May 14, 2018.

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Spencer, Secretary