

Platte Woods United Methodist Church
Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)
June 10, 2019

Present:

LC: Christie Dade, Warren Dudley, Jamie Grayson, Michael Hundt, Kirby McDaniel, Al Minnis
Amy Schemenauer and Erin Cox

Staff: Steve Breon, Lori Bogart, Britton Fields and Misty Wilkinson

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30PM on June 10, 2019 by Jamie Grayson, acting in the absence of Chairperson Marc Evans.

Minutes: Mr. Dudley moved, Mr. Minnis seconded, and the minutes of the May 13, 2019 meeting were unanimously approved.

2019-2020 Budget

- Ms. Wilkinson distributed and reviewed the draft of the budget and noted the following:
 - **Pastoral Support** budget is lower due to Jake leaving.
 - **Administration/Communications:** Ms. Cox asked why this sub-account was under budget. Ms. Wilkinson said due to not doing previously planned direct mail. Digital communications are much more affordable than traditional mailings, which Dr. Breon noted gives us the smallest return on investment. This spurred conversation to better understand the communications plans as this will be foundational to support initiatives and future growth.
 - **Building & Grounds** is above budget due to the large amount of snow this past winter. Next year's budget may remain on the higher side due to the possibility of needing to dredge the pond.
 - Ms. McDaniels, Mr. Dudley, Ms. Dade and Mr. Hundt felt strongly that we need to budget for additional childcare expenses to support more large hosted church events as this is important for our growth goal.
- Ms. Wilkinson projects a profit this year that can be allocated to our reserves.
- Ms. Schemenauer mentioned there may be an opportunity for LC to periodically be updated on the budget throughout the year to better understand the major budget shifts/needs.
- Ms. Dade moved to approve the budget per discussion and Ms. McDaniels seconded. It was unanimously approved.

The Way Forward

Dr. Breon walked through his thoughts related to responding to the Conference homosexuality rulings. He recommended we reflect on the 5 scriptures that reference homosexuality (4 in the New Testament and 1-2 in the Old Testament). He further explained that the bible has scant reference to the topic and what's there is not an affirmation of same sex relationships/ marriage.

The group talked and thought that team teaching and offering two congregational meetings of the same information may be a start point for the planning process. The intent would be to provide awareness and ideas and help people visualize where they are on the spectrum of progressive vs. traditional.

Ideally the meetings will explore how we can co-exist with a rich diversity of thought/perspective and come to a shared understanding despite disagreeing. The next vote/ruling will be at the General Conference in Minneapolis on May 5, 2020.

Goal Review & Vital Signs Dashboard

- Ms. Bogart shared the most current measures and data for 2019 (Jan. – May) for 8 areas: Worship Attendance, Children Sunday AM attendance, Student Sunday AM/PM unique attendance, Guest Retention, Giving Units, % Serving, % in Groups, and Professions of Faith. Year end 2018 and monthly YTD (May) 2019 results were included.
- Attendance, groups and serving were down. Guests remained stable.
- The worship initiative action team is working hard at revisioning services in terms of format, time and styles. Walter and Mat are also working together to make our services more attractionable and livable.
- Goal is to have these changes complete by Promotion Sunday on Aug. 18.

Other Business

- No other business

Adjournment

- Mr. Hundt moved to adjourn, and Mr. Dudley seconded, all approved adjournment. The next meeting of the Leadership Council is scheduled for August 12, 2019 at 6:30PM.

Minutes submitted by Amy Schemenauer, Secretary