

**Platte Woods United Methodist Church**  
Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)  
January 13, 2020

**Present:**

**LC:** Jamie Grayson, Marc Evans, Michael Hundt, Warren Dudley, Christie Dade, Natalie Toalson, Al Minnis, Tom Short, Kirby McDaniel, Lauren Hogle

**Staff:** Steve Breon, Britton Fields, Lori Bogart

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on January 13, 2020 by Jamie Grayson, Chairperson.

**Minutes:** Christie moved and Kirby seconded to approve the October 11, 2019 minutes and the minutes were unanimously approved. Minutes from October 29, 2020 Charge Conference were also submitted for filing.

**New Business**

Members introduced themselves, including new members Tom Short, Lauren Hogle and Natalie Toalson. New member Brad Darnell was not in attendance.

Leadership Council structure was reviewed with members self-selecting to fill Leadership Council committees (Finance, Staff Parish Relations, and Trustees) at next February meeting. A Meeting Cycle was discussed to add more structure to monthly meetings. Pastor Steve asked Warren Dudley to re-engage the Strategic Planning Leadership team to continue review of dashboard metrics and other strategic planning agendas. A ministry team/program will be highlighted at each meeting throughout the year.

**Other Business**

**The Way Forward:** There was discussion on the Night of Conversation on Nov. 11 with positive comments from LC members who participated and/or led table discussions. Pastor Steve and Pastor Britton introduced plans for a small group study in March on Crucial Conversations and will promote how the church can model how we can disagree well on difficult/controversial topics. Kirby complimented the recent communication sent via E-News on January 9 regarding a recent proposal calling for a UMC denominational separation over the issue of full inclusion of LGBTQ+ persons. She suggested the creation of a one-page summary of the issues at hand with timelines addressing the actions that may be required of the local church. Pastor Steve will ask the conference office for a synopsis as suggested and directs PWUMC staff and leadership to keep the mission and vision of our church in our utmost focus. Pastor Britton added that he is actively working to focus on new people coming to PWUMC and wants to focus on effective ways to get them incorporated into the life of the church.

**Strategic Planning update:** The church staff continues work with the Unstuck Group, focusing on team health. Work with conference consultant Jim Ozier has begun and will continue, including an onsite consultation the weekend of February 22/23 which invites the congregation to participate. This consultation is called "The Changover Zone". Jim will spend specific time with staff and leadership council as well.

Mr. Ozier is also working with Bishop Farr on sourcing Lead Pastor candidates and requests that council be available as needed for meetings/conference calls over the next few months and specifically in the

next few weeks. Christie suggested a time be scheduled at 6:00 on February 10 just prior to the regular LC meeting time. Lori will make arrangements with Jim.

#### Metrics Scoreboard

Lori shared the most current measures and data through year-end 2019. This will be discussed in more detail with Strategic Planning Leadership Team in monthly meetings with report to Leadership Council quarterly.

Jamie closed meeting at 7:23 p.m. The next meeting is February 10 @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lori Bogart, acting Secretary