

**Platte Woods United Methodist Church**  
Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)  
February 10, 2020

**Present:**

**LC:** Christie Dade, Michael Hundt, Warren Dudley, Jamie Grayson, Al Minnis, Amy Schemenauer, Natalie Toalson, Lauren Hogel, Brad Darnell and Kirby McDaniel

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

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on February 10, 2020 by Jamie Grayson, Chairperson.

**Minutes:** Christie moved, and Al seconded to approve the January 13, 2020 minutes and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Member introductions** – Everyone introduced themselves to help get acquainted with the newest board members. Lori asked LC to get their picture taken for the website. The group agreed and was willing to add information regarding each member's years as a church member and areas of involvement in the church as a bio on the website. Lori will get more information out about scheduling.

**Ministry Update - Congregational Care**

Britton has been learning about this ministry and its scope, which includes support for funerals, prayers groups, cancer prayer team, grief group and the prayer shawl ministry. These groups run very well, and he has offered his help and will be the contact for ongoing support. Care visits have been made by staff and pastors, as well as volunteers.

He mentioned there is a need for how to best manage the prayer request list. The care team visits people in person and utilizes texts/email to let people know we're praying for them. The churches database has a robust Connections process, which can be used to help establish and track workflow related to all manners of ministry work. Care visits and follow-ups can be assigned in this software. There's an opportunity to use this tool more.

The ministry position for congregational care will remain open through the appointment season. He reminded everyone about Nancy Liston's retirement party scheduled for March 22.

**Financial Update**

Misty discussed the wrap up of the three-year capital campaign in which the church received 96% of pledged gifts. Gifts are still coming in and everyone was pleased with the success of the campaign. One 500,000 loan payment was made in January and another 500,000 payment will be made in February. The remaining loan balance will be 1,078,461.15. The loan interest rate is 3.15% with maturity date of 12/2025. Although no payments to principal are required at this time, plans are to budget paying down the balance with regular monthly payments in the coming fiscal year for a payoff in approximately 4 years. Adjustments can be made to payments if necessary.

### **Denomination Update**

Steve mentioned that a decision related to the direction of the denomination would be a ways off knowing that it could be up to four years before a local church would need to have a potential vote. He walked the group through five proposals (attached) being considered (there are others up for consideration as well) for the structure of the UMC that will be discussed at this year's General Conference in May. The Local congregations will have opportunity to discern and not rush to a decision. Steve will plan to do an informational meeting after this year's Annual Conference, June 5-7, 2020.

### **Strategic Planning updates**

The staff one-day retreat with the Unstuck consulting group will be Feb. 19

Jim Ozier will be onsite visiting with leadership and the congregation on Feb. 22 and 23 to address pastor transitions through his focused approach called the Changeover Zone. The congregation is invited to attend on Feb. 22 from 1:00 to 4:00.

The group reviewed the current committee structure:

- Finance – Al, Kirby, Jamie and Brad
- Staff Parish Relationship Committee – Christie, Natalie, Marc, Warren and Lauren
- Trustees – Michael, Amy and Tom

Michael moved to close the meeting at 7:35 p.m. The next meeting is March 9, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Amy Schemenauer, Secretary