

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

Present

LC: Christie Dade, Michael Hundt, Brad Darnell, Warren Dudley, Jamie Grayson, Amy Schemenauer, Lauren Hogel and Tom Short

Staff: Yvi Martin, Choongho Kwon, Misty Wilkinson and Lori Bogart

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on August 10, 2020 by Jamie Grayson, Chairperson. The June 8, 2020 minutes were approved.

Informal Discussion

Lori started the meeting by welcoming Yvi and Choongho who both stated they are eager to get to know the staff and congregation. Yvi mentioned that she sent Britton on a 2-week vacation to recharge and work on his project as he prepared to be ordained.

Choongho mentioned he has been here for a month. Over that time, he's been visiting Sunday School classes via Zoom, evaluating the various spiritual needs of the groups and exploring small group leader training.

New Business

Financial Update

- June 2020 contributions are down, but the percentage down should not be viewed as a good depiction of trend compared to last June.
- Contributions are down 8% from January thru July in comparison to same months 2019.
- Our fiscal year (7/1/19-6/30/20) is down 4% in contributions from last fiscal year (7/1/18-6/30/19), but met budget.
- Expenses continue to be monitored tightly, with spending being approved for necessary purchases related to the most important ministry areas.

Summer transitions – Natalie Toalson has moved away so her board position will need to be replaced. The group was encouraged to let Lori or Yvi know if they know of anyone willing and interested in a short board position (tenure is less than 6 months).

The Missouri Annual Conference will be held virtually August 22 and the following church lay members will attend: Lori Bogart, Kirby McDaniel, Malinda Jeffries and Caleb Jeffries.

Congregational reopening survey discussion – Lori reported on the recent survey that was sent by email to 1,400 addresses. The group was pleased to hear that there was such a strong response of 420 submissions. The survey provided information regarding opinions from responders about reopening the church for classes/activities/worship during the pandemic. Survey results will be shared with the congregation. At this time, we will continue monitoring the risks of reopening and focus efforts on ways to bring people together safely in outdoors environments. Leadership identified that the current virtual

environment is the best way to reach members and those unchurched in our community most effectively. Staff is also providing feedback that will help determine when the church will open to the public for meeting and activities.

Lori reported that Sunbeams Preschool enrollment is down and keeps dropping. However, they are still serving families and will have tight controls on classroom space, following guidelines given by the County Health Department. Both Sunbeams and PDO resume the fall schedule the week of August 24.

Upcoming church events – Yvi reported planning is in the works to secure a venue for an outside event at the end of September.

Staff Updates – Lori provided information on staffing updates.

Other Business

The pastoral support form revision to Pastor Choongho's housing furnishings allocation – net zero change – was approved.

Important Dates

- Next meeting – Sept. 14 @ 6:30

Submitted by Amy Schemenauer, Secretary