

Platte Woods United Methodist Church

Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)

September 14, 2020

Present:

LC: Jamie Grayson, Michael Hundt, Brad Darnell, Lauren Hogle, Tom Short, Warren Dudley, Christie Dade

Staff: Yvi Martin, Britton Fields, Lori Bogart, Misty Wilkerson

The PWUMC was called to order at 6:30 pm on September 14, 2020 by Jamie Grayson, Chairperson. The August 10, 2020 minutes were approved.

Pastor Yvi opened the meeting in prayer.

New business:

Pastoral Support:

- Lori presented the pastoral support forms which need to be approved before September 15, 2020.
- Lori suggested an increase to Choongho Kwon's support due to his responsibilities and the experience he brings to PWUMC that was not considered prior to his appointment and the setting of his salary. Christie Dade moved that the council approve the proposed increase, Warren Dudley seconded— passed unanimously.
- No change was approved for Pastor Yvi's and Pastor Britton's overall salary support for 2021.
- Lori will forward all forms to the appropriate people for signatures.

Charge Conference is on October 1, 2020 at 4:00 pm – it will be a virtual conference

- Attendees from LC
 - Christie Dade, Lauren Hogle

Financial Update – Misty Wilkinson

- July was up 4% and August was down 11% in comparison to the same months last year. We are down 9% over last year for those two months.
- New fiscal year started July 1 – down about 4% for first 2 months
- Overall revenues are down about \$92K from this time last year. Church will be evaluating budget in light of contributions during the pandemic. The church is financially stable with healthy reserves, contributions down slightly and spending being carefully reviewed. Preschool and PDO income is down due to pandemic and reduced enrollment.

Budget Process:

- Pastors have been speaking with ministry areas so that it can be determined where focus areas will be for the coming year and how funds need to be allocated.
- Looking at which areas need increase due to current pandemic and what areas might have to take a reduction. Staff has been very receptive and creative in how to continue their ministries with less resources.
- Plan is to have budget to present at November LC meeting after meetings with staff and finance committee.
- Will set meeting with finance committee to go over different options. Warren suggested having an “innovation” line item with funds set so as to encourage ministry planning to budget dollars available.

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Race relations:

- White Fragility – Book Study
 - Staff and some congregation members have been reading and discussing.
 - Some find book provoking and challenging
 - Purpose is self-reflection
 - LC will do study together lead by pastors
 - Work continues with a race relations group comprised of many church members led by Jennifer Simms. Pastor Choongho, Pastor Britton and Brandi also participate. The groups is focusing on concrete next steps and continuing meaningful action in the community such as additional voter registration events and possibly partnering with another minority church.
 - Yvi has asked the group to recommend a faith-based resource to continue the education and conversation around race relations, ie. Be the Bridge, Faith and Race Podcast.

Church Reopening:

- Events
 - Worship
 - Curbside communion –
 - 64 cars on 9/6/20
 - will repeat on 1st Sunday of Month
 - Sept 26 –Day of Service and Worship
 - worship on the River – All Church afternoon & evening
 - Service Activity – 9-12 “Sleep in Heavenly peace”
 - Building 50 youth Beds that will be donated
 - Also taking donations of bedding
 - Youth group meeting on Sundays in parking lot
 - Video message on student page
 - Meet in small groups
 - Children’s
 - Once a Month activity/gathering
 - Partnering with Senior Adult ministries for some activities
- No immediate plans to hold in person worship besides the Sept 26th date
- Few weddings and funerals schedule with very reduced attendance.
- Continuing to review and revise existing COVID protocol

Important Dates:

- Next Meeting is on October 12, 2020 – DS Melissa Dodd will be in attendance

Michael Hundt moved the meeting be adjourned and Warren Dudley second. Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Submitted by:

Christie Dade, Vice Chair

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