

PWUMC Leadership Council Minutes – April 11, 2022

Members in attendance: David Collins, Laurie Price, Mary-Ann Abeke, Brad Darnell, Ermalyn Kubart, Joanne Wineinger, Tom Short & Preston Drobeck

Staff in attendance: Yvi Martin, Jess Horsley, Choongho Kwon

Meeting was called to order by David Collins.

March meeting minutes were approved.

Yvi opened with a reading from Scripture John 13 and a hand washing devotion.

New Business:

*Council continued work on Church Leadership centered around making a Leadership Covenant and what makes a healthy church. Council members reviewed a draft Covenant and revision suggestions were made. Revision draft will be distributed at the May meeting for approval. This document will serve to guide future Councils with their mission as well as help to introduce incoming members to the Leadership Committee.

Other Business:

*Brad shared a summary of the recent Finance Committee meeting to review 2021-2022 fiscal year revenues and expenses. The budgeting process for fiscal year 2022 -2023 is underway. The loan on the building is scheduled to be paid off in 5 years. A discussion was had about paying down the principal early vs continuing with regularly scheduled payments. Consensus is that we are in a good financial position with the forecasted payment of the loan.

*Methods of giving were discussed, including ease of using the website to give—a new website is being designed and attention will be given to improving ease of giving. Passing the collection basket was discussed. Members of the committee expressed an interest in returning this practice.

* Pastor-Parish Relations Committee report was shared by Preston and Yvi. The committee evaluated Pastor Yvi Martin. This evaluation was reviewed and signed by Council members present. Strengths highlighted included the resilience of the pastoral staff, who all arrived during a pandemic, and yet the church has remained strong. Pastor Yvi stated her goals include focusing on ministries such as Grow groups, connecting people to our

large church, and outward service and mission work. Continued work to develop a Mission Statement and building leadership programs are also current goals. We will expect more discussions the future of the UMC.

*A clarification was made to those new council members serving on specific committees of the Leadership Council: Joanne is a member of the Pastor-Parish committee, Preston is a member of the Trustees committee and Ermalyn joined the Finance Committee.

Next meeting will be May 9 at 6:30. Tony Bavuso will attend to continue the work on our Leadership Covenant and other leadership goals at the start of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57.