

PWUMC Leadership Council Minutes – August 8, 2022

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

Staff in attendance: Yvi Martin, Jess Horsley, Choongho Kwon, Mat Thorton, Lori Bogart, Misty Wilkenson, Tony Bavuso (consultant).

Devotion: Yvi led a devotion that helped us imagine the “unimaginable.” This exercise in imagining ice cream in a different fashion was to help us imagine the church in different ways. After the devotion, the meeting was called to order at 6:56p.m. by David.

June minutes approved by motion from Joanne and 2nd by Brad. Approved by Council.

New Business: *Council continued work on church leadership with consultant, Tony Bavuso. Leadership Covenant was approved and signed by all in attendance with one change of gender tense which will be changed by unanimous agreement.

Other Business: Fiscal Year wrap up 2020/2021—Misty. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 ended with a \$285,000 loss. A projected loss was previously discussed with the Finance Committee/Leadership Council. To compensate for the \$234,000 general fund cash deficit, temporary restricted funds (savings) were applied to specific ministry areas as approved in the budget process. This left a reported loss of \$51,000. Discussion was held to clarify that these temporary restricted funds were being used as allocated and designated. The council discussion noted that expenses were reasonable and in some cases below budget, indicating that staff is mindful of expenses when planning activities and ministry events. The reason for the deficit is due to decreased contributions, most notably in the last half of the fiscal year.

Generosity team-Yvi discussed that in light of a decrease in contributions, a stewardship team has been assembled and has met once with Laura Murphy from the United Methodist Foundation to help address this concern. The Foundation is working with numerous churches across the Missouri Annual Conference to address all areas of stewardship at the local church level. This committee will meet monthly over the next year.

***New staff update:** Chris DiMaso has been hired to be the Director of Communications. This opening had been vacant for 4 months. Pastors are excited about the experience and vision that Chris has for PWUMC.

Yvi asked for more discussion next month about a **Nominations and Leadership Committee** for vetting and recruitment for this Council. Staff values work continues among the Leadership Team (pastors and Lori) and a report will be provided to the Council at a date TBD.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion by Joanne, 2nd Brad. (Minutes submitted to Lori Bogart.)