

PWUMC Leadership Council Minutes – June 13, 2022

Members in attendance: Lauren Hogle, Laurie Price, Mary-Ann Abeke, Ermalyn Kubart, Joanne Wineinger, Donice Mahan & Preston Drobeck, Tom Short **Staff in attendance:** Yvi Martin, Jess Horsley, Choongho Kwon, Lori Bogart\Called to order at 6:30p.m.

April minutes were moved to be approved by Laurie Price and 2nd by Tom Short. Approved by Council.

Prior to the regular meeting agenda, a **Special Charge Conference** was held to approve Mat Thorton as ¼ time pastor at Platte Woods UMC. There was a unanimous vote (8-0) held to approve his position and ¼ time salary package as well. There was no discussion or dissent.

Yvi opened with a devotion on **Centered Prayer** prior to the meeting being called to order.

New Business:

1. Missouri Annual Conference –Members that were at annual conference shared their experiences with the Council. Jess reflected it had been 2 years since gathering together and on the joy of fellowship. Choongo, Yvi, and Lori also shared and reminded that the conference is available on line for those who wish to experience some of the sessions.
2. 2022-2023 budget. The Finance Committee met June 8 to review current finances and the proposed budget. Due to the pandemic, the last 2 FY's were projected to end in a financial loss. However, the 2020-2021 FY ended with revenues exceeding expenses which allowed the church to make an additional capital loan payment. The current FY is expected to end as projected with a financial loss. To plan for the upcoming 2022-2023 FY, the budget process was consistent with years past in that staff was encouraged to plan for their ministry activities in ways that develop our discipleship pathway of GATHER, GROW, GIVE, GO. Ministry areas are resourceful in their spending and have responded to the effects of the pandemic by working in financially responsible ways. The FY 2022-2023 budget was presented to the Council with a projected loss of \$447,814. Concerns were raised about operating with projected losses/decreased income. Other funding sources and increased attention to stewardship will be prioritized to increase overall revenue. The Council discussed ways to address the remaining balance on the capital loan, which is scheduled to be paid off in 5 years. Yvi and Lori shared that staff had contacted colleagues at other churches and found that they are also budgeting with projected losses at this time. Lori pointed out that there are healthy temporary restricted funds that can be used toward ministry areas as needed. The budget was moved for acceptance by Ermalyn and seconded by Mary Ann and approved with a vote of 8-0.
3. Laura Murphy will be working with the Church on Stewardship and generosity, forming a team to address strategies to enhance giving. Yvi will address the congregation in the upcoming weeks regarding the current financial state of the church.

Old Business: 1. Leadership Covenant review was tabled until next meeting. 2. Staffing—There have only been a few applicants for the position of Communications Director. 3. Donice asked for urgency in reaching out to former members that are absent as a way to reconnect as well as address funding shortages.

Next meeting of the Leadership Council: August 8 at 6:30p.m. Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m. with a motion by Mary Ann. 2nd by Laurie. (Minutes submitted to Lori Bogart.)