

Leadership Meeting Minutes January 21, 2020

Those in attendance included Leadership Chair-Bill Allbright, Pastor Paul Dinges, Shelly Lewis, Kay Ealey, Carol Koch, Pat Lucas, Jennifer Smith, Cindy Chase, Pat Wright. Isabel Schable, Kevin Jones, Karen Dozier, and Jeff Koch.

The meeting opened at 6:35 PM with Bill welcoming Isabel to the Leadership Team as Youth Member. Bill then opened with a “reverse devotion” on Anti-Evangelism or “how to keep new visitors from coming back to church.” Some recommended tips included: “pretend to know nothing if asked, give the old cold shoulder, Ushers ignore the new person, rude remarks about their kids, comment about the dull minister, try to get them on a committee first thing, talk about the budget, and the ultimate game plan, commence with petty bickering.” Good food for thought. Bill then followed with a short prayer.

- Finance: Pat Wright gave the 2019 end of year financial report from January through December 2019, resulting in net ordinary income of \$15,005.63. Good to end the year on a positive note although still some tight issues going forward in 2020. Good discussion in the Finance portion of Leadership Team Status notes on various topics Pat covered. Mike Henry has agreed to do the church audit for the conference as in prior years. One addition to the 2020 budget will be the Children and Family Ministry Director position as that evolves.
- Trustees: Kevin Jones reported that Gail Cannedy and Jim Lund have been added to the Trustees this year. He mentioned the trustees have tentatively scheduled Sunday afternoon April 19 as a work day planned for the church. This will be the Sunday after Easter. Kevin reviewed trustee priorities for 2020, and handed out a list of those. One of these involves repairing settling sidewalk at the parsonage and adding a railing, replacing flashing and a dripping gutter on the canopy at the front of the church, relocating the fire pit, updating quotes on sanctuary lighting, and upgrading the children’s area outside the church to make more useable.
- Staff Parish: Kay Ealey – SPPRC is in process of getting an application for part time Media Director (12 hours) to an interested applicant, and plan to interview soon for that position. (Subsequently the team interviewed and the position was filled by Ron Logsdon.) SPPRC also plans to meet February 4 with the Children and Family Ministry team to work on a job description for that full-time position.
- Caregiving: Pat Lucas highlighted information in the team status notes. She also mentioned, as does Shelly in the Missions portion of the Leadership Team status notes, the positive efforts in the Neighbor Helping Neighbor being recognized by the Ball/Chatham School District. The church was recently contacted by the Homeless liaison for the District for assistance with a Mother and her family with certain needs, with help being provided.
- Missions: Shelly Lewis summarized the caring response received for the Heifer Project which ran from September until Thanksgiving, as well as the mission trees and Angel Tree during the Christmas season. See the Missions portion of the Leadership Team status notes for more details.
- Worship: Cindy Chase mentioned the church’s 25th anniversary upcoming this year, and highlighted positive news on the planned addition of a part time Media Director, as well as several congregational volunteers stepping up to be trained to help out in the Sound Booth. Some names mentioned included Jim Lund, Mike Lucas, Sarah Frazee, and Pat Freeman. Good recruiting efforts by Cindy and team.
- Youth Council: Jennifer Smith reported a summer mission trip is scheduled for July 12-18, 2020 with Saint Albans, West Virginia as the destination with Mission Serve. She is seeking one male and possibly one other

female adult to also go on the trip. Cost will be \$260/attendee for 6 days. Short discussion was held on transportation needs for the trip. The Youth are planning a bowling and laser tag outing on February 9th. Lessons are held every other week. Jennifer has recruited several male and female adults to be participants at each weekly youth meeting, as part of the Safe Sanctuary requirement.

April 4th will be the annual Easter Egg hunt put on by the youth group, with assistance from the congregation.

Isabel Schable introduced herself as the new Youth Member on Leadership. She is a junior at Glenwood High School, splitting time at GHS and at Capital Area Career Center. Isabel has attended SCUMC for approximately one and a half years, and we look forward to her input.

- United Methodist Men: Mention was made of the Men's and Lady's group invitations to the church wide Valentine's Day Banquet set for Monday February 10, 2020 at the Chesapeake Seafood House.
- United Methodist Women: Carol Koch highlighted the Bake Sale being held during the pancake and sausage breakfast on Saturday February 2, 2020.
- Pastor Paul's Report:
 - Confirmation Class has 4 attending. Asked for congregational support as having various church members attend to visit with the class, including the end of February "Pizza with Bob." (Gruen)
 - The Season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 26 and ends with Easter Sunday on April 12. This year's theme for Lent is "Forty Days with Jesus." A special Ash Wednesday service will begin the 40 days, followed by regular worship services the following six Sundays. There will be a 6 week Lenten small group on Wonderful Wednesdays titled "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus."
 - The Worship Team is discussing celebration plans for the church's 25 year anniversary later this year, including an invitation to the Bishop to participate at a special worship event, and a bulletin board set up to share articles and memories from congregation members as well as highlights in the March 2020 Joyful News.
 - Get Sunday August 30, 2020 on your calendar for the church's annual picnic which will be combined with an outdoor worship service at the park.

Pastor Paul concluded the meeting with prayer, and the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Koch
Secretary