

Leadership Team
Minutes 11/14/23

Attendance:

Pastor Dennis Carter
Kline Kelly (Teams)
Jason Maisog
Alice Robson
Roberta Waymaster

Kline Kelly, team leader, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

During the team check in, members were informed that Lois Hendricks' funeral will be Saturday morning at the church followed by a lunch. Interment will be in Hutchinson. As the holiday season ramps up everyone is super busy with events and family plans.

Kline led the team in an opening prayer.

The previous minutes were presented. One correction was noted. Under the team reports, the Negotiations team should be the Nominations team. Alice moved to approve the corrected minutes. Jason seconded and the motion passed.

The church calendar was reviewed. Decorating the church for Christmas will be on Nov 29th at 6:30 pm. The children's program and the choir will sing on Dec 10th followed by a birthday party for Jesus and the charge conference. The worship team will not meet on Nov 21st. The education team will not meet on Nov 23rd or in December.

The team reviewed the church vision. They were informed that the financial team met on Nov 13th and completed the bid form for the Mosaic building. The bid along with a letter was submitted today before noon. The team is now waiting to hear from the realtor about the bid results.

The team also discussed creating a pictorial church directory. The idea was supported by those present. This item will be reviewed again at a later date.

Some disaffiliation items are still being completed. The electronic sign has been updated. Roger McCaulley plans to wait to update the office sign until the church hears about the Mosaic building sale. Murray still needs to take down the cross and flame from the steeple.

As part of the affiliation process, Craig Atkinson, presiding elder, and his wife will be visiting the church on Jan 28th, 2024. Pastor Dennis Carter received a call from Craig and discussed plans for training and helping people with discipleship.

Team Reports:

Pastor: Nothing further to report

Church Secretary: No report

Communications: No report

Congregational Care: No report

(Approval Pending)

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Education: Alice Robson said the team is looking for a Sunday school teacher for the K-4 class. The children's program and birthday party for Jesus will be Dec. 10th. Pastor Carter said his classes with Remy are going well. He is leading a bible study at the prison with Rev. Exie Barber.

EMM: They are studying Romans chapter 9.

EMW: Alice said the ladies will meet Dec 7th at 6:30 pm for their annual Christmas meeting. They will be voting on a budget for 2024. The soup supper went very well this year. Karen Shriner is working on the booklets for 2024.

Finance & Stewardship: The team met on Dec 13th to prepare the bid for the Mosaic building. Nov 19th is consecration Sunday. Pledges will be collected and a thanksgiving meal will follow services.

Missions/Evangelism: The team ordered Christmas ornaments for the congregation.

Nominations: The team is still looking for a scribe for the leadership team for 2024.

SPPR: The team set the wages and salaries for 2024. The finance team approved them at the Nov 13th meeting.

Trustees: The sprinklers have been shut off for the winter. The team is working on insurance plans for the church property. The women's restroom in the basement needed hooks installed on the stall doors.

Worship: There will be a service on Christmas eve.

Youth Advisory: Jason Maisog reported that the team is discussing options for the Wednesday evening meals. There is an average of 18 – 20 youth attending meeting along with 4 – 6 adults. This is a large group to ask individuals to provide a meal for. The youth attended the Mercy Me concert in Wichita. They all had a good time. During the concert the performers talked about Children International. The youth group voted to sponsor a child through this organization. The group also wants to have a social media account. Jason will work on how that will work. Jason is considering training a junior leader to help when he is not available. Jason also thanked the trustees, especially John, for the repairs to the church van before the Wichita trip.

In other business, the church received a letter from the Ellsworth historical society asking to renew the membership. Alice moved to renew the church's membership for \$30. Jason seconded and the motion passed.

Roberta Waymaster read a thank you note from the Ellsworth County Independent Reporter newspaper for the donation to the Newspapers in Education program. The church also received a thank you letter from UMCOR for the donation to the Hawaii disaster relief. Pastor Carter said the Salvation Army bell ringers are scheduled for Nov 25th.

The next leadership meeting is scheduled for Dec 5th. Kline may not be able to attend either in person or by Teams. He will see if someone else could chair the meeting or the meeting could be postponed. When his plans are more definite, he will let the team know the plan.

Pastor Carter led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.