

Leadership Team

Minutes 1-2-24

Attendance:

Pastor Dennis

Kline Kelly

Kregg Clarke

Alice Robson

Jason Maisog

Anita Hoffhines (on-line)

ED & Joni Law guests

Kline Kelly, team leader, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and opened with prayer, followed by checking in with members.

Alice volunteered to be the scribe for this meeting.

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. Alice moved the minutes be approved as printed, followed by Kregg's second, and the motion passed.. Anita reminded the group that minutes are posted on EllsworthMethodist.org and are also printed for the front entrance of the church.

After reviewing the calendar, it was noted the church will be undecorated tomorrow night, January 3, at 6pm. Everyone is encouraged to help. Pastor also stated Presiding Elder, Craig Atkinson, will be present at church on January 28 for the potluck dinner.

Church Vision: Parking will need to be addressed with the new owners of the Mosaic property after the closing in mid-January. Pastor is expecting instructions soon from Servant Keeper to produce a church directory from this software. Alice suggested a volunteer could be in charge of this project when more information is available. Anita asked if the church has a Membership Team that could also work with this information for several constructive purposes and lighten the load for the church secretary. There is no such team at this time.

Kline introduced the Facility Master Plan concept to pursue possibilities of updating the church building to better serve the congregation and community, while utilizing the space available. Pastor encouraged everyone to pray about this, for volunteers to be progressive thinkers and doers, as Anita suggested, Next meeting will be a time to share thoughts and ideas.

Following the Heartland Provisional Annual Conference, Pastor met in Russell with Craig Atkinson, Les and Laurie Rye, and ED and Joni Law to discuss moving forward in church growth by starting camps and conferences. Because these things are already in place and working well, Pastor is encouraging everyone to utilize these opportunities now and not attempt to invent something new. All 150 churches that have disaffiliated from the UMC have completed the requirements.

Reports of Committees:

Pastor: Russell Rotary Club has invited him to speak this week concerning prison ministries. He encouraged everyone to continue utilizing Right Now Media and other opportunities available. In addition, ED and Joni Law from the Congregational Care Team have been helping him conduct Bible Studies and Chapel at the Good Samaritan Center, and at Prairie West with Janice Black for monthly Bible study. Pastor and Exie Barber continue meeting weekly for Bible Study at ECF, with 12-14 in attendance. Weekly meetings after school on Wednesdays with Remy Webb will resume after Christmas break.

Church Secretary: Lesa will be working with Anita this Friday to resolve issues with the Servant Keeper software.

Communications/Technology: Anita has spoken with Roger McCaulley about replacing the sign by the office. The new digital sign is working well. Murray has not removed the symbol from the church steeple. She asked Pastor to speak at the February 1 Kiwanis meeting in her place and relay the ways the church is reaching out to others in the community.

Education: Alice reported the need continues for K-4 SS teacher

Methodist Men will be hosting the annual Pancake Feed in February, date to be announced.

Methodist Women: Alice has information for a Women's Conference in Manhattan in February, and will be sharing more details soon.

Finance/Stewardship: Kregg said the approval of the budget will be at their next meeting.

Missions: none

Nominations: several positions are still open

SPPR: Pastor announced they will be meeting soon. A point person is needed.

Worship: none

Youth: Jason spoke of planning for events this coming semester, and needing to do fund-raisers for kids to be involved. He appreciates the great participation in meal providers. The need for a Youth representative to Leadership Team will be addressed at their next meeting.

Next meeting is February 6. Pastor Dennis closed in prayer.