

Leadership Team
9/5/23 Minutes

Attendance:

Kline Kelly
Penny Swift-Kelly
Mason May
Alice Robson
Janice Black
Kregg Clarke
Lesa Houston
Jason Maisog
Roberta Waymaster

The Leadership team meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by team chair Kline Kelly. During the welcome and check-in time, the team was asked to keep Pastor Dennis Carter's parents and Linda Davis in their prayers. Kline shared a joy that his parents recently celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Kline opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Mason May moved to approve the minutes of the 8/1/23 meeting. Jason Maisog seconded and the motion passed.

The church calendar was reviewed. Dates for some of the team's meetings were updated. The elementary school will be using the church on Sept. 8th as part of an emergency drill. A new men's bible study led by Kalen Deines will meet Wednesday evenings at 6:30.

During the church vision and direction discussion time the team reviewed the July 30th potluck question "What do you feel God is calling us as a church to do in this community?" Members expressed that the church is very involved with the youth and elementary children. The team felt that continued support for the successful programs already in place was vital. More technology will be made available in the basement classrooms. Sign-up sheets for meals are being passed around. Several people have volunteered as teachers. It was suggested that a little more training should be offered for acolytes, communion stewards and ushers.

Disaffiliation items:

The replacement/removal of signs is being done. The State of Kansas and the IRS have approved the church's name change. Roberta Waymaster is working on the updated sales tax exempt form and changing the name on the bank account.

Affiliation items:

The Global Methodist Church annual conference for our area will be held in Wichita Nov 2 – 4. Plans for the conference are still being worked out. Pastor Carter will inform Jason if lay leaders are attending the conference.

The team discussed updating the Articles of Incorporation and the need for signed documents. This is not a pressing need at this time and will be tabled until a later time. If it becomes necessary, the church may need to create a signed bylaws document to the Articles of Incorporation.

Team Reports:

Pastor:

The deductible for wind/hail damage on the church insurance policy is \$25,000. After contacting other providers, it was discovered that this has become the standard deductible in Kansas. The trustees will look into insurance closer to the end of the current policy.

Church Secretary:

A new computer has been ordered to replace the current one. Anita Hoffhines and Roberta have been helping Lesa Houston with the new pc.

Communications & Technology: No Report

Congregational Care Team: No Report

Nominations team: A meeting will be set to work on the slate of officers and teams for 2024.

Education Team:

Alice Robson had been approached about applying for a grant for the Kids of the Kingdom program. She asked for the team's input. After discussion, she felt that it wasn't necessary at this time as the program receives donations and support.

Ellsworth Methodist Women: There will be an executive meeting coming up.

Finance & Stewardship: Mason reported that team is looking into a better interest rate for the Scholarship CD at First Bank Kansas. The Gladys Wagner Fund distribution has been received.

Missions and Evangelism: No Report

SPPR: Janice Black reminded everyone that October is Pastor Appreciation month. E.D. Law will be filling the pulpit for Pastor Carter.

Trustees: No Report

Ellsworth Methodist Men: No Report

Worship Team: No Report

Youth Advisory Team:

Jason reported that 3 sets of parents came to the meeting. They discussed getting families to help with organizing trips and activities for the youth. He is still working out having community meals with the youth. The youth may go to two concerts depending on the school schedules.

Youth Representatives: No Report

With no other business to discuss, Jason closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. The next meeting will be October 3rd at 6:30 pm at the church office building.