

Leadership Team
Minutes 6/6/23

Attendance:

Pastor Dennis Carter
Kline Kelly
Deb Ferguson
Janice Black
Lesa Houston
Kregg Clarke
Jason Maisog
Linda Davis
Roberta Waymaster
Penny Swift-Kelly
Kayla Clarke
Curt Glaser

The leadership team met on June 6th, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The team shared praises and concerns. Kline Kelly, team point person, led the team in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Deb Ferguson moved to approve the minutes. Linda Davis seconded and the motion passed.

The June church calendar was reviewed. Deb reported that the June Moments for Mission collection would be for Family Connections. The collection in July will be for Dream House.

The team listed ways they have seen examples or demonstrations of the church vision recently. The discussion included VBS, Family Connections, some new visitors recently and outside groups meeting at the church.

The disaffiliation/re-affiliation items were examined.

A. Hiring a lawyer

Curt Glaser has discussed this with other churches and did not believe that the church needed to hire a lawyer to draw up the Articles of Incorporation. Pastor Dennis Carter said that Scott Brewer of the Great Plains Conference administration also did not think a lawyer was necessary.

B. Articles of Incorporation

Articles need to be updated with church name change and submitted to the state for approval. State approval notice will be included with the disaffiliation documents to the Great Plains Annual Conference. Approval notice will also be needed to keep current tax ID number.

Two options were offered to the team regarding the articles of incorporation. Option one is to write new articles of incorporation. A sample from the church in Goddard, Ks was presented. The second option is to amend the current articles. A sample from the Kingman church was presented.

After discussion the team opted to amend the current articles of incorporation. Revisions were made to the Kingman sample amendment. Jason Maisog moved to make the amendment to the current church articles of incorporation as discussed and to submit the amendment to the State of Kansas and the Great Plains Conference. Kregg Clarke seconded. The motion passed. Lesa Houston, church secretary, will prepare the amendment and forward it to Kregg.

The team agreed to add to a future agenda the updating of full the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

C. Archiving status

Alice Robson and Roberta Waymaster sorted through the boxes in storage. Lesa sorted through items in the office to be archived. Seven boxes of records were picked up May 31st. The original items and a thumb drive will be returned when the process is completed. The team thanked the women for their work.

D. Disaffiliation Agreement

Kregg said the agreement has been completed and is ready to be submitted.

E. Statement of Fact

Kregg will collect 2 more signatures and it will be ready to be submitted.

F. Inventory Document

Anita Hoffhines completed the list. Kregg will submit it with the other items.

G. Disaffiliation Payment

Scott Brewer confirmed the final payment amount is \$35,461.02. Roberta, church treasurer, will prepare the check and give it to Kregg.

H. Affiliation status with Global Methodist Church

Pastor Carter and Lesa submitted the application to the Global Methodist Church. An acceptance letter was received. The church received information on Connectional Funding payments to the GMC. This is similar to the mission share and agency support payments the church paid to the Great Plains Conference. The finance and stewardship team will discuss this at the next regular meeting.

I. Website Selection and Switchover

Anita had previously reserved a couple of domain names for the church to use. She will handle the switchover process toward the end of June when the current domain names expire.

J. Review schedule of activities

May 31st – The Great Plains Conference held a disaffiliation meeting via Zoom. Jason and Pastor Carter participated. Jason reported that at this meeting 155 churches disaffiliated from the United Methodist Church. The total number of churches in the GPC that have disaffiliated to date is 233. Eighteen other churches were closed during this session.

June 15th – Disaffiliation paperwork and the payment are due to the GPC. Items that cannot be submitted by this date can still be submitted until December 31st.

June 30th – The church will disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church.

July 1st – The church will affiliate with the Global Methodist Church

July 2nd – The church will have a special service to celebrate the new affiliation.

Due to lack of time, the teams did not give any reports.

Other Business:

The team was informed that those in the congregation who are currently United Methodist Church members will have their memberships automatically transferred to the Global Methodist Church unless they request not to be transferred.

Lesa has been cleaning out files in the office. She has found some things from years ago that are not of historical value and are no longer relevant to current church programs. The team gave Lesa permission to purge the files of these items. If she finds anything of historical value, she can put it with the records at the church.

Lesa received a request to use the church for a Lifeline Screening event on Thursday Oct 5th from 8 to 5:30. She will give them a facility use form. The team can review the form when it is returned.

Jason closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.