

**Leadership Team
Meeting Notes
May 7, 2024**

1. Welcome and Check-in
 - a. On 7 May 2024 the following people were at the leadership meeting, Pastor Dennis, Kline, Kregg, Lesa, Jason, Roberta. Anita and Linda were remote via Teams. Karen is the scribe.
2. Opening Prayer: Kline opened with prayer.
3. Previous Meeting Notes:
 - a. After reviewing the minutes, Kregg moved, seconded by Jason to accept the minutes.
4. Church and Team Calendar Review
 - a. From the May newsletter calendar the following changes were made:
 - i. 8 May No Pastor Bible study at ECF,
 - ii. Youth will meet the 8th and 15th,
 - iii. 12 May is Mother's Day,
 - iv. 27 May no SPPR meeting
 - v. June 3 to 7th VBS
 - vi. June 3rd the summer lunch program will begin until July 18th.
 - vii. The Youth trip has been changed to May 30th to June 2nd.
5. Church Vision: "To Build and Strengthen Relationships with God and Each Other, Inside the Church, and With Others Outside the Church." What should/could we do this summer to strengthen our relationships with God and Each Other?
 - a. Pastor talked about in getting two support groups started. Under Church Visions. He had visited with Les Rye, pastor at Lucas, about grief group that Les had led.
 - i. Lesa suggested having some flyers for grief and cancer to distribute at the annual Cancer walk.
 - b. Jason suggested having a church get together. He referenced past events at Miller's or Joni's. Further discussion on the topic included weekend timeframe and maybe just ice cream instead of a meal.
 - c. Lesa stated that the Mission team was interested in having Rob come back for a meeting.
 - d. Pastor said the Ministerial Alliance is discussing having some music at the park during Cowtown Days.
6. Heartland Provisional Annual Conference & NW Kansas News
 - a. Roberta, Janice and Pastor are going to annual conference in Joplin, MO. Conference will occur at the end of the month

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- b. Pastor Les Rye from Lucas is the new presiding elder for the NE Kansas district. There is a plan of making it into smaller groups or having zoom meetings since the district is so large.

7. Reports

- a. Pastor:
 - i. Pastor Dennis spoke of attending a gathering in Hays that discusses strategies for getting younger people involve.
 - ii. Mentioned the need of having grief and cancer groups.
- b. Church Secretary: Lesa
 - i. Lesa stated that Jessie will wait until after graduation to start assembling the directory. Pictures and information are still welcome at the office or to Jessie.
 - ii. Received the tag for the van.
- c. Communications and Technology Team: Anita
 - i. Anita they are having some problems with the TV broadcast and are trying to find a time when everyone can meet at the church to resolve the problem.
- d. Congregational Care Team: Pastor Dennis
 - i. Congregational Care Team is working on ways to address and to help with depression.
 - ii. Team has discussed ways to initiate conversation during visits.
- e. Education Team:
 - i. (from Alice's email) Most Education items have not changed in the past month, with the exception of hiring a nursery worker when Shylo graduates. We immediately had a wonderful applicant from the high school (and our youth group!). Heather West will provide details soon.
 - ii. May 18th will be the last Sunday School class though they will still have children's church during the sermon.
- f. Ellsworth Methodist Men: No report
- g. Ellsworth Methodist Women:
 - i. (from Alice's email) Ellsworth Methodist Women will decide at fellowships this week whether or not to continue the tradition of a Methodist/Presbyterian Women's Luncheon in July. Both groups are experiencing increased age and decreased participation, but we are open to having a simple gathering to further our bond of Christian fellowship.
- h. Finance and Stewardship Team:
 - i. Gregg stated they extended the scholarship deadline and ended up getting five, which they awarded last Sunday.
 - ii. Roberta reported that they are trying to get the audit set up and are looking for someone to lead the audit.
 - iii. Linda reported that things are going well and that she and Ann Ridinger are taking turns counting.

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- iv. Pastor Dennis noted that Lawrence Moxter's family had contact him about wanting to fund a project in his memory. They are considering a project to add a camera in the fellowship hall.
 - i. Missions and Evangelism Team:
 - i. Mission stated that the prison knows we want the sign at the office changed. We are on their project list.
 - ii. The old UMC signs along the highway were mentioned. Persons are going to check to see if they have all been removed.
 - j. Nominations Team: No report.
 - k. Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Team:
 - i. Next meeting will be in June.
 - l. Trustee Team:
 - i. Via email to Lesa, Deb noted that the overflow room could really use a coat of paint and new carpet.
 - ii. The person who mows the lawn did an excellent job of trimming up the hedges.
 - m. Worship Team: Lesa H
 - i. Worship team would like a list of people who have passed over the last year so they can be remembered on Memorial Day.
 - ii. Recorded music will be used on Memorial Day.
 - n. Youth Advisory Team: Jason M
 - i. Jason said the youth will be staying at McMurry United Methodist Church when they go on their trip.
 - ii. Important to recognize Andy and Ann Ridinger for all their untiring work they do with the youth during the year.
 - iii. Also recognize all those who have furnished meals to the youth this year.
 - o. Youth Representatives: No report
8. Other Business:
- a. Facility Master Plan Update: Physical space was reviewed in April. Infrastructure items will be reviewed in May
9. Next Meeting: June 4, 2024: 6:30pm
10. Closing Prayer: Pastor Dennis