

Leadership Team Minutes

August 1, 2023

Attendance:

Pastor Dennis Carter

Kline Kelly

Penny Swift-Kelly

Roberta Waymaster (set up meeting – had to leave)

Anita Hoffhines

Janice Black

Mason May

Alice Robson

Ken Robson

Jason Maisog

Lesa Houston

Deb Furgason (by Teams)

Linda Davis (by Teams)

Kline Kelly asked Team members to share prayer concerns and praises. Pastor & Betty had a good trip visiting family. Roberta Waymaster gave an update on her knee. The Robson's Card & Gift Store is celebrating their 40th year in business today. Jason Maisog's Mom and friend came Sunday to be with Jason and his family. Indy had her 2 month checkup and it was good. Janice Black dental procedure is doing well, blood pressure is up and down. Linda & Scott Davis on July 29th celebrated their 45th anniversary. Penny & Kline on Aug. 7th will celebrate their 24th anniversary.

Kline opened the meeting in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Alice Robson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Lesa Houston seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The church calendar for August was reviewed. We have Good Sam's service on Aug. 13th and Aug. 27th. Aug. 13th there will be the "Snack and Chat", Blessing of the Backpacks, and Moment 4 Mission's "College Mailing." Aug. 27th there will another potluck for the congregation.

There was some discussion on the response to the question, "What do you feel God is calling us as a church to do in this community?" Lesa reported on the various responses given on Sunday. Lesa felt that the main feeling from the congregation was to take care of what we were already doing and not try to take on any new missions just yet.

Kline brought up the Wednesday meals with the Youth. Jason would like to have the congregation see the youth beyond just Youth Sunday. Suggestions of maybe a meal for several on Wednesday night's with youth, encourage volunteers to eat with the youth, potluck for the whole church, maybe once a month ask 4-5 adults to join the youth for the meal. These meals would be in the basement, the youth would then leave to meet at the regular building. Jason said he would be meeting with the parents of the youth to see if they would be on board with these ideas. Jason, also, had a youth, who had attended a camp; say they would like to be baptized after returning from camp. He is going to further

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visit with the youth. He felt there was a powerful connection or relationship and wanted to further that for the youth.

Roberta Waymaster had reported to Kline that the disaffiliation payment to the Great Plains Conference had been processed. Pastor reported that he and Scott Brewer had visited. Everything is complete for the disaffiliation; they are just waiting on the Conference Attorney's to sign off on the Quit Claims Deed. Both felt that everyone was gracious and worked with each other through this process. Pastor Dennis stated that there would still be areas we would be working with the UMC.

Kline reported on the Heartland AC Visioning questionnaire that would be turned in tonight to the Global Methodist Conference. There was a questionnaire for "Local Church" and "Clergy" which Pastor Dennis had filled out and returned. Kline had information on the states that will be in the Heartland Annual Conference area. The first meeting for the new conference will be in Wichita, Ks, November 2nd – 4th, 2023. At that time, Pastor will be ordained in the Global Methodist Church.

Kline brought up the "Articles of Incorporation" as to if they needed to be updated at this time. Anita asked if there were any legal aspects that needed looked into. Kline didn't feel there were. We will address this at the September meeting.

Team Reports:

Pastor: Pastor Dennis reported on the Heartland Annual Conference in Wichita, November 2nd-4th. He will be ordained that weekend. Kanopolis is up to date with disaffiliation and affiliation process. They are, also, waiting for the Great Plains attorney's to sign off on the deed. Roger McCaulley had asked about the logo for the office sign, if it was to be the same as the electronic. Anita Hoffhines asked that Roger visit with her, so that the same graphics are used for both.

Secretary: Lesa Houston reported that she is going through the current policies for the church. Lesa stated that none of the policies were current with the Great Plains Conference name. Pastor Dennis on "Safe Gathering" would be worded with "Our Church" and not use any conference names.

Communications/Tech Team: Anita Hoffhines reported they are working with the new computer. The Tech team is working through various issues, one being the software used for hymns is out of date, and the new software is not working well. They are trying to retrieve code for the old program, so it can be used. The digital sign – a deposit has been made to engage the company to update graphics.

Congregational Care Team: No report

Nominations Team: Will be meeting in September to start the process of nominating team point persons and team members.

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Education Team: Alice reported they are looking into fall classes, visiting with families with children to see if there will be a need for Children's Sunday School or if Children's Church will fill that need.

Ellsworth Methodist Women: Alice informed us that on Aug. 10th Honor and Glory is hosting an evening meal at Gambino's for all the women. Deb needs the orders before that night due busy at Gambino's

Finance and Stewardship: Linda Davis reported offerings were down last Sunday. Mason May stated that the identified and non-identified givers were where they needed to be. The pledges were down but normally increase in November and December.

Missions and Evangelism: Deb Furgason reported that they would continue to hand out the key chains to those who had not received one. Missions in August will be the "College Mailings".

SPPR: Janice Black reported that they had approved the Secretary and the Treasurer updated job descriptions.

Trustees: Pastor Dennis reported they are looking into a cheaper insurance due to the fact the current insurances deductible was going to be high. They are getting quotes for new carpet.

Ellsworth Methodist Men: Mason May reported the Men's breakfast had around 10-11 there last Sunday. They enjoyed the muffins the Betty had furnished. Pastor Dennis reported they had finished the first part of Romans and would now be looking at Romans Chapter 8 on.

Worship: Lesa stated that there was a suggestion on how to bring in the new Christian Music on you-tube could be done without shutting us down. Need to visit with the Tech Team

Youth Advisory: Jason plans to meet with the families of the youth group and brainstorms ideas for the coming year. There is a UMC event in Lyons on the 26th. Due to the timing probably won't attend this one, but will stay connected to the UM Church

Youth Representative: This weekend there is a trip to KC with the Presbyterians. "Hope" for the homeless. They will be at the Church Resurrection.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting: September 5, 2023 6:30 pm
Pastor Dennis closed the meeting in prayer.

(Approval Pending)