

Leadership Team  
Minutes 5/2/23

Attendance:

Pastor Dennis Carter  
Kline Kelly  
Penny Swift-Kelly  
Anita Hoffhines  
Alice Robson  
Mason May  
Kregg Clarke  
Deb Ferguson  
Murray Marston  
Lesa Houston  
Craig Gustin  
Roberta Waymaster

Leadership team leader Kline Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The team shared joys and concerns. Kline led the team in an opening prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented. Murray Marston moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mason May seconded and the motion passed.

The May church calendar was reviewed. The Seeker's class "Snack and Chat" will not be held in May, but will be held on June 11<sup>th</sup>. The last day for children's Sunday school will be May 21<sup>st</sup>. There will not be an education team meeting in May. Vacation bible school will be June 5 – 9. Father's day is June 18<sup>th</sup>. The summer lunches program will probably begin in June.

The team discussed the church vision statement. Team members suggested ways to build relationships. Some suggestions included spending time with people one on one, listening to the other person, sharing meals, coffee or eating together. Kline observed that all of these suggestions required an action on a person's part to begin to build the relationship.

The team reviewed the disaffiliation/affiliation process.

- A. Two emails from Scott Brewer to Kregg Clarke were presented.
- B. Kregg discussed hiring a lawyer with Curt Glaser. Curt asked for an outline or the previous Articles of Incorporation as a guideline. Curt has made an appointment with John Sherman to begin working on the new Articles of Incorporation. He also has contacted Brad Kirk with Global Methodist Church for guidance on the document. Kregg will be following up with Curt on his progress. Kline will ask Curt to read through the current Articles of Incorporation for items to delete, add or update.
- C. Kregg has sent emails to the Great Plains Conference archivists, but has received no response.
- D. Pastor Dennis Carter and Lesa Houston will complete the application for affiliation with the Global Methodist Church and submit it this week. Pastor Carter expected a quick response to the application. Mason asked if our church could get some information from GMC or another church that has joined the GMC about the by-laws. Pastor Carter will reach out to GMC.
- E. Document status:
  1. Disaffiliation agreement – Kregg will begin collecting the needed signatures for the agreement.
  2. Statement of facts – Kregg will begin collecting signatures from the trustees and others this week.

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3. Inventory of documents – Anita has compiled a list and will send it to Kregg.

F. Schedule of activities

1. The Great Plains Conference will host a Zoom session on May 31<sup>st</sup> to conduct the disaffiliation vote. The session will be from 7 to 9 pm.
2. The deadline to submit all the paperwork and final payment is June 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. The formal disaffiliation date is July 1, 2023.

Team Reports:

**Pastor:** Pastor Carter reported that the Kanopolis United Methodist Church voted 15 – 0 to disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church and to join the Global Methodist Church. The financial arrangements between Ellsworth and Kanopolis will change slightly. Pastor Carter is looking to create a class or study for 20 to 40 year olds. He asked the team to consider what makes the Ellsworth church special. Answers included the Kids of the Kingdom ministry, the TV ministry and the building's location on Main Street.

**Communication/Technology, Congregational Care, Discipleship:** No reports

**Education:** Alice Robson said the Sunday school classes were continuing and some are using the RightNow Media videos. The children's Sunday school class will take the summer off, but will try to have a get together over the summer for the kids. Children's church is working well. Kids of the Kingdom wrapped up the year last week. Nursery care will continue through the summer.

**EMW:** Both circles are continuing to meet and each has its own goals and missions. The speaker from Mosaic that was planned for the June breakfast may not be available, but the breakfast will still be held. Murray received a donation of sweetener packets from the Kwik Shop. He asked what should be done with them. It was suggested that he store the boxes in the church kitchen and contact Sharon Marsh to help decide what to do with the packets. Lesa will send a thank you note to the Kwik Shop for the donation.

**Finance/Stewardship:** The church received a donation of \$5000 to be used for disaffiliation/affiliation expenses. The team will decide from which accounts the disaffiliation fees will be paid. Job descriptions for the finance secretary and the treasurer will be reviewed.

**Missions/Evangelism:** No report

**SPPR:** The team completed the clergy report for the conference. Job descriptions for the finance secretary and the treasurer were forwarded to the finance team for review.

**Trustees:** Eugene Ranker will be raising his lawn care fees due to higher costs of chemicals and fuel. The water sprinklers have not been turned on yet. Currently the city has a water watch in effect that will restrict the use of the sprinklers.

**UMM:** Mason will work on a calling tree to remind the men of the meetings. He praised Ken Robson for his efforts to continue encounter meetings. The last meeting was well attended.

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**Worship:** Lesa said all the church musicians will be gone on May 28<sup>th</sup>. She will work with the video team to see what music options would be available under the church's music and video licenses. She may also have a musician that could play the guitar for a couple of songs.

**Youth:** The group will have its last meeting for the summer this week. They are planning a fun outing next weekend to wrap up.

Pastor Carter closed the meeting in prayer. The next Leadership team meeting will be June 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.