

Leadership Team  
Minutes 2/6/24

Attendance:

Kline Kelly  
Deb Ferguson (Phone)  
Alice Robson (Teams)  
Jason Maisog  
Lesa Houston  
E.D. Law  
Joni Law  
Kregg Clarke  
Roberta Waymaster

The team checked in on how things are going for them. Pastor Dennis Carter was not in attendance. He was preparing for an out of town funeral.

Kline Kelly, team chair, opened the meeting with prayer. Roberta Waymaster volunteered to be the scribe for the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Lesa Houston moved to approve the minutes. Jason Maisog seconded. The motion passed.

The team reviewed the February calendar. The Encounter Event was added for March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

As part of the discussion of the church vision, the team explored an article by Roger Ross titled *7 of John Wesley's Practices Can Change Hearts Today*. Members were asked how our church/congregation line up with these 7 practices. The first three on the list were reviewed – Devoted to prayer, Go where the people are and Speak plain truth. The team agreed that the church does well with each area and discussed ways to improve in each. The other 4 practices will be discussed at a later meeting – Use music of the culture, Place everyone in a small group for spiritual growth, Give the ministry to the laity and Use mass communication to get the word out.

A church directory is being planned. The Servant Keeper program can be used to make the directory. Jesse Deines will put the directory together. To make the process easier, Deb Ferguson and Lesa Houston contacted Servant Keeper about purchasing another license or subscribing to a cloud account. Deb was asked to contact Linda Davis about her preference. Deb will work on the pricing for the options and report back to the team.

A few people have expressed interest in being part of the facility master plan committee. Kline is working to set up a meeting date in February. The team will try to have a preliminary report of ideas by this summer.

The Heartland Annual Conference will be held in Joplin, MO in May. Craig Atkinson, presiding elder, will visit the church on the last Sunday of the month. He will have more information about the conference.

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Team Reports:

Pastor – No report

Church Secretary – Pastor Carter will be out of town the first Sunday in May. He asked if it would be acceptable to move communion from the first Sunday to the second Sunday. The team agreed to the change.

Communications – No report

Congregational Care – E.D. Law reported that the team met in January. There are 13 people on the outreach list. E.D., Joni Law and Janice Black are the team members. They will contact people by phone or in person visits.

Education – Alice Robson said they have started a rotation of Sunday school teachers. Attendance is still sporadic with the children. They are using a new curriculum. The adult classes are going well.

Ells. Methodist Men – The pancake feed attendance was down some this year, but was still a good event.

Ells. Methodist Women – No report. The circles meet this week.

Finance & Stewardship – The team will be reviewing the 2024 budget at Monday's meeting.

Missions/Evangelism – There was an issue that prevented broadcasting services last week. Has this been addressed? It was reported that the issue was on Vyve Broadband's end and not the church tech team's end.

Nominations – No report

SPPR – Amanda Webb will be the team point person.

Trustees – The trustees met last Sunday. They will work with the facility master plan team when it is ready. Two items they would like to discuss are paint and carpeting in the sanctuary and overflow room.

Worship – Holy Week plans are continuing. The guest speaker has been set. The team was asked to include the Apostle's Creed in more services. They were also asked to implement the Gloria Patri as part of worship as well. It will be switched out every other week with the doxology.

Youth Advisory – Jason said the meetings are still going well and are well-attended. He has not had the chance to ask for a volunteer to be the youth representative for the leadership team. He had the youth prepare profiles of themselves and will share them with the congregation. He would like

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members of the church to read the profiles and possibly select one of the kids to get to know better personally. The kids asked to take a trip to Worlds of Fun. Jason is planning a trip in

May that will include a service project one day and the amusement park the next day. He is working on fundraiser ideas and dates. Kline asked Jason to see if any of the youth would like to be on the facility master plan committee as well.

### Other Business:

Jason asked if the property/liability insurance included the building where the youth were meeting. Roberta Waymaster said she would look into the policy. Her understanding was that the liability insurance was to cover the youth and adults at the meetings, but not the property itself. She will check into this with Brotherhood Mutual.

Jason also said he would like to subscribe to YouTube to use it as part of the youth meetings. They use it for worship music and lessons. A subscription would allow them to skip over the ads that come on in between content. The ads are time consuming and at times inappropriate. He was asked to take his request to the finance meeting next Monday.

The next meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. Jason closed the meeting with prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.