

Leadership Team
Minutes
March 5th, 2024

Attendance:

Kline Kelly (Team)
Deb Furguson (Phone)
Pastor Dennis
Alice Robson
Ken Robson
Lesla Houston

The team checked in on how things are going. Pastor reported that he had talked to Anita Hoffhines and she was getting stronger every day.

Kline Kelly, team chair was traveling and joined later in the meeting.

Pastor Dennis opened the meeting with prayer. Lesla Houston volunteered to be the scribe for the meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Alice Robson made a correction to the minutes. Under Worship Team Report the last line should have read, "It will be switched out every month with the doxology." After the change was made, Alice Robson moved to accept the corrected minutes. Deb Furguson seconded. Motion carried.

The Team reviewed the March calendar. Alice Robson stated that the Holy Week events had not been included on the newsletter calendar, the address for Par Schulz was incorrect, there will be no Educational Team Meeting on Thursday, March 28th, 2024. Ken Robson asked that an email be sent to the Ellsworth Methodist Choir stating no choir practice for them on March 6th, but the Cantata practice would continue.

The Team continued the discussion on the article by Roger Ross titled *7 of John Wesley's Practices Can Change Hearts Today*. The last 4 items were discussed – Use the Music of the Culture, Place Everyone in a Small group for Spiritual Growth, Give the Ministry to the Laity, Use Mass Communication to Get the Word Out. The discussion on Music of the Culture was contemporary music was being implemented, there is a need to be careful with music due to broadcasting. Small group- some felt we needed to work on this area. Some areas that we already have are: Snack n Chat, Sunday School classes sending out cards, covered dish dinners, etc. Ministry to the Laity – we have the Congregation Care team, recognizing the different Teams that are working for the church, the Youth Group "Get to Know Me" sheets, (these will also be distributed at Kanopolis Methodist Church, Jason Maisog and ED Law have filled in at the Carneiro and Kanopolis Churches, Roberta Waymaster has filled in and will be filling in for Pastor Dennis in May, the Task force teams. It was mentioned that the Clarke family had reached out to another young family. Mass Communications to Get the Word Out – we have Facebook, YouTube, broad cast weekly, newspaper articles, Pastor's Ponderings. It was suggested that Personal Cards be made for the Congregation Care team to leave at the places they visit.

The church directory – the CLOUD has been purchased. As soon as the deposit is current and up to date, the upload to the CLOUD will be done.

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Facility Master Plan update – Kline Kelly reported their first meeting was March 27th, 2024. They outlined a strategy plan and a timetable. They will be asking various people who use the church, what they see as need for update. The next meeting will be March, 18th, 2024 at 6:30 pm. Pastor Dennis asked if they felt copies from the first meeting should be supplied to the congregation. Lesa Houston will make copies and place those copies in the foyer of the church. Kline will email the minutes to the Leadership Team as well. Kline stated that he hoped to have the feedback from various people that could be presented to the Charge Conference as to “Is this where we want to go?”

Pastor Dennis is waiting on a date from GMC for the Heartland Annual Conference.

Team Reports:

Pastor – Reliant Roofing is okay with the church using their parking lot, for now. Presiding Elder Craig Atkinson will join us after Easter. There has been a lot of Pastoral movement at the UMC. Pastor and Betty plan to be gone the first of April for 4 days.

Church Secretary – The CLOUD from Servant Keeper has been purchased. Cards are being sent out to various concerns.

Communications – Blessings of having Kalen Deines and Jon Walker helping in the Tech Booth.

Congregational Care – E.D. Law reported that the Team continues to meet with those on the list. He did ask if the office was aware of others to let him know.

Education Team – No Report

EW. Methodist Men – They had 12 at the Men’s Breakfast the last time.

EW. Methodist Women – Continue with their monthly meetings

Finance and Stewardship – Finished the year strong.

Missions/ Evangelism – Working on the church directory. May have an activity this summer.

Nominations – No Report

SPPR – Last meeting there were 4 present. Continue to work with Kanopolis, will share the Youth Group profiles with Kanopolis.

Trustees – Pastor will contact someone to look at the electrical issue at the parsonage. Plans to paint a Sunday School classroom in the near future. Need for new carpet, but will wait on the Facility Master Plan Team.

Worship – No Report

Youth Advisory – They are planning on a fundraiser the group trip. Lesa Houston is to contact Jason Masiog for plans on this event.

Other Business –

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Lesa Houston was asked at the last potluck who was responsible for setting up/cleaning up for the potlucks. Lesa visited with Roger McCaulley. Roger in the past had called the EMM, but just wasn't up to doing it anymore. It was decided that men from the Sunday School classrooms would be in charge of making sure this was done. We will need to set up on Palm Sunday for Holy Week.

A letter was received from the Ellsworth Arts Gallery stating that we are a member now.

Lesa Houston