

Leadership Team
Minutes 7/11/23

Attendance:

Pastor Dennis Carter
Kline Kelly
Penny Swift-Kelly
Lesa Houston
Anita Hoffhines
Mason May
Kregg Clarke
Alice Robson
Ken Robson
Jason Maisog
Deb Ferguson
Roberta Waymaster

Kline Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. Due to technical difficulties with Microsoft Teams, Deb Ferguson had limited access to the meeting through Pastor Dennis Carter's cell phone.

Team members shared prayer concerns and praises. The new babies are doing great. Betty Carter will be visiting several doctors. Janice Black had a dental procedure. Anita Hoffhines knee surgery recovery is going well.

Kline opened the meeting with prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. Mason May moved to approve the minutes as presented. Alice Robson seconded and the motion passed.

The church calendar was reviewed. Commodities distribution will be July 18th. Pastor Carter reported that the Global Methodist Church will hold a convening conference November 2 – 4 in Wichita. He will be ordained in the GMC at the conference. The mission team will discuss "what do you think our church should be doing" at the July 30th potluck dinner following services.

Team members suggested examples of how the church is fulfilling the mission statement. Some areas listed included the summer lunches program, the commodities distribution and the moments for missions speaker. The team has noticed more families attending services in the last year.

The steps for disaffiliation/affiliation were reviewed.

- a. Articles of Incorporation – Kregg Clarke has mailed the amendment to the State of Kansas.
- b. Archiving – There is no update. We should receive our records back in 3 to 6 months with a thumb drive.
- c. Disaffiliation agreement – has been submitted to the Great Plains Conference. Scott Brewer reported to Kregg that the information has been received and the church should receive the quit claim deed and all other documents in July.
- d. Statement of Fact – see item c.
- e. Inventory document – see item c
- f. Disaffiliation payment – see item c

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- g. Affiliation with GMC – Roberta Waymaster reported she will send the first connectional funding payment to the Global Methodist Church in July. At this time the General Church connectional payment and the Annual connectional payment are each 2% of the church’s annual operating income. This could go up to 5% or 6% in the future. The finance team may also send the balance of the Agency Share to the Great Plains Conference in November or December.
- h. Website switch – Anita reported that the change is complete across all social media formats as well.
- i. Microsoft Teams – Roberta has set up Microsoft Teams for the church. It worked well for the finance team meeting, but not for the leadership meeting. She plans to have one dedicated laptop for Teams to be used by all the teams for meetings.
- j. Inventory transition – The trustees will handle all the updates to the signs and logos for the church. Anita said the stained glass in the hallway door can be left as it is or replaced with a frosted pane. The stained glass would then be framed. The flame can be removed from the cross and flame on the church roof. It would be returned to the Sauers family. The trustees can make the decisions on the other items.
- k. Determine the church logo – The team reviewed the church logo currently being used and the Global Methodist logo. Alice moved to proceed with using the Global Methodist Church logo as the Ellsworth Methodist Church logo. Jason Maisog seconded and the motion carried.
- l. Other – Anita will contact the newspaper to update the logo on the worship services page for the Ellsworth and Kanopolis churches.

Team Reports:

Pastor: Pastor Carter will be ordained at the convening conference as an ordained elder in the Global Methodist Church in November. Kanopolis is still working on the disaffiliation paperwork. They do feel the Ellsworth church has been supportive.

Secretary: Lesa Houston has set up the groups in the new church e-mail. Please let her know if you are not receiving e-mails. The Lifescreening group will not be using the church in November. Mosaic has tables, chairs and other furniture to give away if the church is interested.

Communications/Tech Team: No report

Congregational Care Team: Several families have received meals from the church lately.

Discipleship: Jason moved to rename this team the Nominating Team. Kregg seconded. Mason May called the question. The motion passed. The team will meet in September. The team will decide if all the current team members should remain the same for the time being.

Education: Alice is preparing for the upcoming Kids of the Kingdom/Kids on a Mission program. They plan to start on Sept. 13th. She is working with Gina McGowan on an online registration.

Ellsworth Methodist Women: The Presbyterian women have invited the Methodist women to a tea.

Finance/Stewardship: The annual premium quoted for the property/liability insurance will increase \$1000. The bank accounts are still doing well.

Missions/Evangelism: The team is considering more reception-type of events and handouts for the Moments for Missions collections.

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SPPR: The job descriptions have been approved by the finance team. Janice will prepare the final draft for signatures.

Trustees: The team is looking into other insurance companies. They will work on the items that need to be updated or replaced. The carpets were cleaned this month.

Methodist Men: The meeting numbers have been down for the summer. They are still using RightNow Media for the meetings.

Worship: No report

Youth Advisory: Jason has been considering some different ways to connect the youth members with church members. He is in contact with parents to help plan events for the youth for the next year.

Other business:

The team will be looking at the current Articles of Incorporation to determine if other updates need to be made to it.

Pastor Carter closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm. The next meeting will be August 1st at 6:30 pm.