

Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 9, 2020 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Future Vision Statement Coming Soon! (How we achieve our Mission Statement)

In Attendance:

Reverend Cathy, Pastor Jeanne, Reverend Mary, Barbara Scheffer, Kenn Scheffer, Charles Engle, Mary Turfe, Brent Howlett, Jayne Worthy-Howlett, Harold Tuckett, Mary Ellen Miller, Marilyn Pobanz, Randy Hucks, Patty Burns, and Carl Johns

Missing:

Youth member as Garret has left for Michigan State and a new youth has not yet joined.

Opening Prayer – Pastor Jeanne

Approval of Minutes of November 7, 2019 – Will be approved at next meeting

Business:

1. **Finance Report- Randy**

a. Bonus to Rev. Hagley for additional work during pastor transition approved by Finance Committee

Rev Hagley got a \$900 bonus for her work during pastor transition.

b. Budget identified for Senior Luncheon Group

Senior lunch got access to the nurture budget \$500 for their needs as a group

c. Outcomes of Stewardship activities

\$132,542 for general fund, \$120 for food gathers, \$10,250 for missions and \$3,000 for music. Estimate of 33-34 pledges.

d. Other Budget updates and potential for long range planning

All the bills paid last year and we met all the mission goals! Yeah!! “Still a spot light church.”

We need to discuss in the ways to stay solvent going forward and depend on end of the year gifts.

Budget for 2020 needs a Council vote. Randy will send an electronic message to say yea or nay on a proposed 2020 budget.

2. **Feedback on re-reading of Chapter 7 (Church Council) from Ross book, “Simple Governance”**

Barb referred to handout highlighting key point of the chapter, then asked questions posed at end of chapter. I.E.who should be in the group? Should we have a retreat?

Impact in May of general conference? – Rev Cathy not worried about general conference.

Ministry Teams will get together once a year to coordinate planning so not too much planned at one time. Rev. Cathy will coordinate a meeting- Program/ministry chairs will coordinate over email/doodle poll to set coordination meeting.

Mary Turfe – recommend one a quarter all church meetings to have Team Leaders share reports

Townhall meetings should be at least once a year focused on one specific topic.

Vision statement and goals will go before whole church for review and comment and then will be voted on by the Leadership Council. Probably voted on electronically. Congregation had input into the proposed vision statement. Vision statements typically last 3-5 years.

We are missing a youth member for this committee.

Brook will be confirmed this year.

Patty, Brook, Mary Turfe, Brent, Rev Mary, Pastor Jeanne are going to conference. Jayne maybe going to conference – our church is allowed two lay persons.

Discussed having written policies – Randy said no, Jayne said yes. We have Book of Discipline already but not clear if we have a written or electronic policy manual somewhere. Some of the items that need to be addressed are: Safety (natural disasters as well as church shooting) (where are all exits, fire extinguishers, etc.; Rental of church property and facilities; Current guidelines for funerals and other events; roles and responsibilities of Ushers.

All Council member asked to send Barb an email of what you think we should have a policy on or if you know we already have.

Questions at the end of chapter – how do programs and ministries align? – this will be determined after we have a vision and goals.

3. Planning for upcoming year:

a. Next activities with VCI- Harold

- i. Vision Statement Task Force meeting January 9 after worship**
- ii. Goal setting date: January 18, 2020 9:30 – noon lead by VCI coach.**
 - 1. Food and child care planned for the morning**

b. Any response to new “CHIMES” format?

c. “Way Forward” activities in Michigan? Implications for DUMC of vote coming in May

d. Update on “Getting To Know You” events in homes:

- i. Nov. 21 11 folks attended at Becky Horvath’s home**
- ii. Dec. 4 13 folks attended at Patty Burns’ home**
- iii. Dec. 10 4 folks attended at Patty Fragner’s home (3 cancelled)**
- iv. Two more planned for January**

e. Lay delegates attending Annual Conference this year Brent Howlett, Mary Turfe, Brooke Burns

Feed back on Christmas Eve service – crowded and beautiful with visitors. Attendance was 150.

If attendance continues increasing we may need to go to two Christmas Eve services!!

What should we do for Easter? Discussed option of a Saturday night and Sunday Can we have an Easter procession? – We have a nice green square to process around.

Pastor Jeanne – concerned about changing service times on folks.

Decision: 8:30 and 10:30 for Easter. breakfast at 9:30!

Randy agreed to coordinat breakfast – he was asked and accepted. He will assemble a breakfast team with help. Cheese will be added in the beginning of cooking eggs to avoid last year’s breakfast hitch.

Feedback on new Chimes format (monthly) – People like it, information that is important so read it! Devotionals will go into Chimes. Finance committee thought it would be nice to communicate with parish more regularly on general fund balance, offering level and short fallings (Would be short).

Pastor Jeanne - Emergency preparedness webinar for responding to disasters in the community.. Webinar will be Saturday, Feb 8, 9:30-11 am to provide information. See Rev. Jeanne for more information. Webinar can also teach about responding to disasters in the community.

Kenn and Carl previously attended an elaborate training at the Washtenaw County sheriff's department regarding "Active shooter" preparedness. – very good one. Kenn asked if we know How many doors/exits are in the church?, where is your best point of exit?. How do you protect yourself? where do you go? Flee Hide and Fight are the guidelines. More in depth training for congregation can take place but It can take a long time to schedule. Insurance company also will do one.

Trustees: Kenn – water contamination testing issue is solved. We are regularly testing – but want to work on water quality issue in the future. Needs Maintenance – Brian saved us money on furnace repairs. Bulbs in the basement so you can see better.

Outreach Team- Rev Cathy – need more opportunities for congregation to interact in missions. Mix of monetary and physical service. Mission emergence week – discuss doing this again. Engage Michigan program to allow churches to engage in different missions.

DUMW: Jayne – Cookie Walk very successful. Over \$1000 raised for this year's mission donation (Washtenaw Co. prison ministry). Lots of non-church folks bought this year and unsold items sold to church members on Sunday. We need better timing for working with the Santa event in the School House in the evening. Carl, who is on the Dixboro Villabe Green Board said the Board will be discussing how well Christmas activities went at their meeting Jan. 14 at 9:30 am in the Parlor.

Social media helped send some attendees to the Cookie Walk. The Christmas tree lighting was kind of blah, but Caroling singers did a wonderful job, Santa also did a wonderful job as did the owners of the General Store who brought decorations for the School House. Check has not yet been sent from DMW cookie walk to a prison ministry.

April 23, 2020 – Rummage sale preparation

Funeral coordination team – rather than just one person – have a team of people.

Jayne would like to have volunteers to help elementary school age children.

Dixboro Village Green: Comment-Movie night (sponsored by DVG and the Township) drew a broad audience last July!

Many folks coming from Ypsilanti and southern end of the township

4. *Other agenda items from Clergy*

Rev. Mary – child protection policy. Use template from Michigan Conference. If you have a playground you need to be in compliance. Playground needs work to be in compliance. Perhaps we can find a grant for this.

5. *Agenda for next meeting, March 5, 2020:*

6. *Closing reading/prayer-*

Mary read to us from Matthew about letting your light shine!