

Dixboro UMC Leadership Council Meeting
Thursday, July 25, 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Minutes of Meeting

Present: Kenn Scheffer (Trustees Chair), Charles Engle (Financial Secretary), Cathy Freeman (Outreach Chair), Randy Hucks (Treasurer and Finance Chair), Patty Burns (Witness Chair), Mary Turfe (member at large), Jayne Worthy-Howlett (DUMW President), Brent Howlett (Annual Conference Rep.), Harold Tuckett (VCI Chair), Rev. Garza (Lead Pastor), Barbara Scheffer (Leadership Council Chair)

Absent: Carl Johns (Member at Large), Marilyn Pobanz (SPRC Chair), Garron Little (Youth Rep.), Mary Hagley (Minister of Children & Youth)

Opening Prayer

Minutes of May 23, 2019 approved with correction of Jayne's name to Worthy-Howlett

Business:

1. Introductions of leaders to Rev. Jeanne with leaders sharing a brief summary of their roles:
 - Harold Tuckett (Hospitality Group has been formed, at present they do not have a line item budget)
 - Randy Hucks (current funds shared. Clarified how apportionments generally paid at end of each year)
 - Patty Burns (Need members as she is only one on the team, hope to have a Community Block party in future)
 - Mary Turfe (focusing on missions and prayers. Considering becoming part of nurture or worship team, considering a short class on prayer)
 - Cathy Freeman (Outreach does have a budget, and identified monthly mission projects. Currently collecting items for hygiene kits)
 - Kenn Scheffer (Trustees deal with all contracts, maintenance and upgrades to church and parsonage)
 - Charles Engle (recording and depositing offering and monetary contributions. Could use help with this task. Needs someone to deposit funds on 8/10/19. Need to develop a new plan for actual counting of money on Sundays)
 - Brent Howlett (Annual Conference Rep. and Adult Sunday School sessions)
 - Jayne Worthy-Howlett (President of DUMW which has a separate budget. Focus of meetings part business, part social. Considering expanding Cookie Walk to community along with Holiday activity on the Green)

Rev. Jeanne would like to meet individually with all team/committee leaders to get their ideas for moving forward with our mission.
2. Several names suggested for new secretary starting September. Barbara will approach folks to ask for assistance.
3. Trustee's Report by Kenn shared that most of updates completed on parsonage.
 - Hired painting for exterior trim of sanctuary and window cleaning, needs a volunteer to do quarterly water testing. A new maple tree planted in Brandon Park in honor of Phil Brandon from his grandchildren. Notebook is being kept of all Trustee work and preliminary planning for ongoing work. Suggestion for a designated budget and potential fundraising for ongoing maintenance of church and parsonage and grounds.
4. Finance Report- Randy
 - Options to compensate Mary for extra duty during transition will need to be discussed in SPRC.

5. Planning for upcoming year:
 - a. Barbara will begin plans for "Getting to know You" events in homes in fall.
 - b. Next activities with VCI, i.e. Vision and Goal setting are being planned for October.

6. Rev. Jeanne shared a member request that the American flag be returned to the sanctuary. Ideas and preferences shared both for and against. Potential for a compromise suggested. No decision made at this time.

7. Rev. Jeanne shared results of the "straw vote" at the Michigan Annual Conference regarding the Way Forward issues. Two thirds of the Annual Conference attendees this year voted for inclusion, while one third of the attendees voted to follow the language on the Discipline. The next General Conference will be in May 2020 and Rev. Jeanne may attend.

8. Tentative agenda for next meeting: (Date tentative depending on availability of members)
 Sept. 19?
 - Introduction of new secretary
 - Establish firm dates for Leadership Council to meet Oct., Nov., 2019 and rest of 2020
 - Trustee's Report
 - Finance Report
 - Other key information shared by committee/team leaders as needed
 - Plans in place for Getting to Know You home events this fall and winter
 - VCI updates on visioning and goal setting

9. *Closing reading/prayer* by Mary Turfe

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Scheffer