

Dixboro United Methodist Church
Leadership Council Minutes, March 2, 2023, 7:00 PM Fellowship Hall

Present in Person: Tom Little, Chair; Patty Burns, Chair Faith Community-Fellowship & Hospitality; Charles Engle, Financial Secretary; Kenn Scheffer, Chair of Trustees; Brent Howlett, Chair Discipleship and Chair Staff/ Parish Relations; Jayne Worthy-Howlett, President- Dixboro United Women of Faith (UWF a.k.a. DUMW); Barbara Scheffer, Lay Leader; Rev. Jeanne Garza, clergy.

Present on ZOOM: Peggy Moran, Chair Missions; Harold Tuckett, member of congregation; Briana Kotowski, Social Justice Coordinator.

Minutes of December Leadership Council Meeting were approved previously

Opening prayer by Rev. Garza

Business items:

1. Peggy Moran
 - a. Current mission focus is UMCOR. A video will be shown during Sunday Service on March 19th highlighting their work. Funds raised by DUMC will be designated as follows: Half for current issues and half for administrative needs of UMCOR
 - b. Exploration of how we might participate in an EcoFarm project.
2. Briana- nothing at this time.
3. Patty
 - a. Eggstraveganza scheduled for April 8, 2023 on the Village Green. All encouraged to spread the word about the event. This year's age groups will be: 0-3, 4-7, and 8-12. Youth may do a fundraising project to support Superior Township Youth Camps. An Amazon wish list is available for folks to help support this effort.
4. Barbara
 - a. Need an additional person to go to Annual Conference in June, 2023. Brent willing to go now that he was asked. Brooke will go representing youth. Peggy will explore possibility of being our second Lay person representative.
 - b. Handout distributed (Attachment #1) regarding ideas for role of Lay Leader beyond what is described in the Discipline.
 - i. Plan for Lay Leader to prepare a "Headlines" blurb of Leadership Council minutes (after minutes are approved) was acceptable by the group.
 - ii. Plan to work with Kathleen (administrative assistant) to create "Laity Links" a new monthly newsletter.
5. Charles- nothing at this time
6. Jayne
 - a. Proposed project, "Lunches with Love" bag lunches for folks in need, will be discussed at UWF meeting this coming Sunday. Patty said she was onboard with plan.
 - b. UWF will also explore doing a Bake Sale at the Eggstraveganza this year.
 - c. Rummage Sale is scheduled for June 23 and 24 with the whole week set on the church calendar for preparations.
 - d. March 19, 2023 will be a UWF Soup Sunday Fundraiser for this year's Fellowship Sundays mission focus, Foster Children in Washtenaw County.
 - e. Acknowledgement that Jayne is now the treasurer for the Heritage District UWF.
7. Brent
 - a. Staff/Parish evaluations completed for 2022
 - b. Will start plans for 2023

8. Tom (Chair)
- a. Shared information from Tom Freeman that the Superior Township Board authorized payment for an appraisal to be done for the Village Green property in preparation for the Township seeking to buy the Village Green from the church.
9. Randy- sent his treasurer's report electronically a week ago. No comments on it
10. Kenn
- a. Shared handout (attachment #2) he prepared of overview of funds and cost of items for repairs/maintenance/improvements requested by the Beautification Committee He explained items listed and is seeking Leadership Council approval to move forward. Council discussed his presentation. Potential additional items not listed are: cleaning the floor of the handicap bathroom and painting of the current youth room.
 - b. **Motion was made by Jayne and seconded by Patty to approve moving forward on the following 5 items:**
 - i. **Paint the 1st addition exterior/repairs** **\$13,316**
 - ii. **Paint Hallways and Fellowship with wood trim** **\$18,845**
 - iii. **Flooring in Hallways and Fellowship Hallway** **\$36,229**
 - iv. **Security system** **\$ 5,000**
 - v. **ServPro Cleaning of Kitchen and Bathroom** **\$ 2,430**

Total = \$75,820.00
 - c. **Motion had 2 friendly amendments added: 1) Kenn will contact Randy to clarify funds are available, and 2) total cost approved with "cushion" of no more than 10% increase by time contracts signed.**
 - d. **No further discussion occurred. Motion passed unanimously.**

Additional items addressed:

1. Briana- Interested in reinstating mission focused projects of having church members participate in different mission/volunteer projects, i.e. spend a day helping at Food Gatherers. Peggy and Briana will discuss options.
2. Kenn- interested in getting more information on the pending split in Methodist church. Jeanne shared that decisions will be made at the 2024 Annual conference. Questions raised regarding pros and cons of choices, timelines for decisions, implications for property owned by the church, etc. Suggestion made that this be a topic for the next Leadership Council meeting.

Closing pray by Tom

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted: Barbara Scheffer (temporary secretary)

Next meeting: Thursday April 27th 7:00 both in person and ZOOM

Agenda items:

1. Discussion of the upcoming potential split of the Methodist Church including timelines, implications for ownership of property, pros and cons, and options for assessing church members perspectives.
2. Status of the Village Green being purchased by Superior Township.

Two Attachments below

Lay Leader Role: Current and Proposed

Current according to the Discipline:

1. Plan for Laity Sunday (October or November)
2. Coordinate with Pastor for selecting participants for annual conference.
Brent, Brooke, and one more needed
3. Attend the following church meetings:
 - a. Leadership Council
 - b. Staff Parish Committee
 - c. Finance Committee
4. Promote District Events

Proposed ideas:

1. Prepare a “Headlines blurb” of all future Leadership Council minutes to be posted in Bulletin and/or in an “email blast” with link to the complete official minutes that have been approved. Current system of simply putting approved minutes “somewhere” on the web has not been useful to at least two computer literate members of the congregation.
2. Explore working with Kathleen for a brief monthly “newsletter” (Laity Links 😊), highlighting what is happening such as:
 - a. Activities of the Beautification Committee. (Some folks had no idea committee even existed let alone what it was doing.)
 - b. Deep cleaning of the kitchen.
 - c. What groups rent the church for what purposes.

Attachment #2

RENOVATION COSTS:

Available Donations:

\$100,000+\$87,040+\$4,818=\$191,858

ITEMS PURCHASED:

Asphalt Driveway and Parking Lot:	\$21,000	
Wallside Windows (23)	\$18,400	
Wallside Windows (2) (\$1,800)	\$ 600	
Fellowship Hall Exit Door	\$ 1,450	
Subtotal	\$42,650	\$42,650

\$75,820

PROPOSALS FOR EXTERIOR:

\$118,470

Aluminum Siding of 1 st Addition Soffits:	\$ 9,984	
Hardie Board Siding of 1 st Addition:	\$56,942	
Vinyl Siding of 1st Addition:	\$37,688	
Paint 1 st Addition Exterior/Repairs	\$13,316	\$13,316

PROPOSALS FOR INTERIOR:

Paint Hallways and Fellowship with wood trim.	\$18,845 +	\$18,845
Flooring in Hallways and Fellowship Hall.	\$37,894	\$36,229
Minus 1,665 sales tax		
Security System	\$5,000	\$ 5,000
Plus: \$25/Dr./Month		
Servpro Cleaning of Kitchen & Bathrooms	\$2,430	<u>\$ 2,430</u>
(\$242 and \$236 Bathrooms		
		\$75,820

NEEDED PROPOSALS:

- Trash Removal
- Window treatments upstairs and downstairs
- Youth Room Painting
- Lighting replacements (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall).