

## John Stewart UMC Leadership Council

### Minutes of the December 18, 2017 Meeting

Sara Lou opened with a “Jesus Moments”.

11 members present: Sara Lou Binau, Jeff Bowen, Scott Cisar, Kathy Garrison, Anne Denman, Susan DeVene, Betsy Bowen, Jeff Bowen, Carol Minehart, Pastors: Brian Arnold and Doug Pummell. Not in attendance: Terri Baker, Rylee Goodman, Dylan Ham, Jenny Ham. Visitors: Dean Garrison. Prayer was offered by Pastor Brian. Minutes from the last meeting were available. Anne Denman motioned to accept the minutes, Scott Cisar seconded, motion passed.

### Committee Reports

#### Finance:

- Scott Cisar reported on Finance.
  - We have three more weeks of offering before the end of the year.
  - Scott presented the district and conference apportionments, payments can be applied against the 2017 apportionments by Friday, January 12, 2018. We still owe \$4,041.78 to the district and \$33,998.22 to the conference. Betsy motioned that we take 10% of our profit “growth” from 1075.01 and 1075.02 Endowment & Edward Jones accounts and apply it towards district apportionments once district is paid at 100 % apply the balance to the conference apportionments. Anne motioned to accept and Scott seconded. Discussion: Sara Lou will get the cash balance from the Endowment and Edward Jones accounts. Leadership council will be updated on how much was taken from each account and how it was applied. Motion passed.
  - Terry Teykl turned in his expenses in the amount of \$789.00. The Prayer Connectors requested that he be paid an additional \$1500.00 making the total paid \$2289.00. The motion was made to pay Terry Teykl expenses from 1105.01 Savings Memorial Fund in the amount of \$2289.00. Scott motioned to accept and Carol seconded, motion passed.
  - Scott motioned to take money from 1075.03 EJ Council account to have at least \$10,000.00 in the checking account 1025.15 for cash flow at the start of the year 2018. Betsy motioned to accept, Anne seconded, motion passed.

#### SPRC:

- Anne Denman reported on SPRC.
  - Anne stated the SPRC had their final meeting of the year and were able to set 2018 salaries and forward the proposed salaries to finance. Bonus were given to the staff with the money coming out of the Good Samaritan Fund.
  - The next charge meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m., held at the Forest UMC.
  - We came under budget with the salaries and were able to give a 1% raise to the full-time staff; the 8 a.m. pianist salary was raised to \$25 per Sunday; the organist will get paid \$75 per Sunday played.
  - Phyllis Koehler and Judi Lambrite will be the new SPRC representatives for John Stewart while Anne Denman will be stepping down. Anne was thanked for her service to John Stewart from Leadership council.

#### Trustees:

- Jeff Bowen reported on Trustees.
  - Jeff has two quotes: one from CSI – 8 scrolls on the north side/trim for \$18,658; and from Corner Stone. Jeff will check with both companies for another full quote and make his decision with the blessing of Leadership Counsel. He will use EJ trustee funds 1075.01 for the payment and will make a plan to have the congregation participate in donating towards the project.
- Jeff is replacing the white tape on the sanctuary steps with metal strips.

#### Prayer Connector:

- Susan DeVene reported on the Prayer Encounter
  - We had 30 guests on Friday, Pastors and Leaders; Saturday there were 65 guests in attendance. Terry also delivered the Sunday worship message.
  - December 7<sup>th</sup> the Prayer team met to debrief on the event and what they would do the same or different for the next event that may take place in a year or two.

#### Radical Hospitality:

- Kathy Garrison reported on Radical Hospitality.
  - Kathy is currently working on filling greeters for the first quarter and the hospitality cart with cookies on Sundays.

#### Passionate Worship:

- Pastor Doug reported on Passionate Worship
  - The Christmas Eve program is set with the youth participating as well as the Bell Choir, Worship Choir and soloists. It is at 6 in Forest – two other churches youth will join in for the service at Forest. John Stewart's Christmas Eve service is at 7:30 p.m.
  - The format of the bulletins will be changed next year. We are waiting to use up the worship pads we have on stock and will be checking on the paper pricing.

#### Business:

- Pastor Brian has a request for building use. He did speak to Trustees as well. Elaine Sturtz is requesting office space for her counseling. She does carry her own liability insurance. Pastor Brian is looking into the use of the “work room” for Elaine. This room would need to be cleaned up and have a lock put on the door. She will have to follow the Safe Sanctuary policy.
- The next Leadership Council meeting will be a planning meeting. The meeting will be held on February 3, 2018, from 9 – 12 at the Parsonage.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm

Submitted by:

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Church Administrator

**Next meeting: February 3, 2018, 9-12 @ the Parsonage**