

Cornerstone United Methodist Church

Executive Team Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017

Time: 6:30 PM

Attendees: Dr. Mike Gillen, Sharon Bass, Lavon Gilliland, Terri Mendenhall, Debbie Meyer, Tim Perry, Jim Todd

Prayer and Opener: Debbie Meyer

Inviting Ministry: Sharon Bass prepared a review of Hospitality, Worship, and Music ministries.

1. Greg wants to roll out a new church management software called "Breeze" for database and communication with the congregation.
2. Kerry thrilled to have Dee back and is grateful for Mark Roach's continued commitment to improving our technical support.
3. Mark reported that the new IEM's and Dr. Mike's microphone are working well; Google drive installed on media computers enabling files to be shared back and forth; Carina is also leading second service and is on the rotation schedule; new IPAD hooked up with sound board.

Connecting Ministry: Jim Todd prepared a review of Care Committee, Visitation, Adults/Small groups/Kids Jam, and Church History ministries.

1. Dale Broeker stated all is fine in Care Committee.
2. Mary Jo Woodrum stated that they would like to see some younger folks involved in Visitation Committee as their group is getting older.
3. Greg Evans reported a good turn out for many of the adult groups and that youth ministry is doing well with several events planned.
4. Kids Jam: New TV installed above classroom hallway. Will allow for messages to be posted about Kids Jam. Electronic check-in will be used for kids and parents.
5. John Hodge reported future retirement plans will enable him to dedicate additional time to church history.

Sending Ministry: Terri Mendenhall reported.

1. The numbers of families using the Food Pantry is down.
2. The Saturday Food Jubilee at Dierbergs is staffed well. Any cash collected goes to the Community Council of St. Charles - Food to our Food Pantry.

Supporting Ministry: Tim Perry prepared a review of Staff Parish, Finance, Trustees, Cemetery, Kitchen, and Generosity Team.

1. Staff Parish promoted Mark Roach to a F/T position. Looking for someone (intern?) to assist with pastoral visits.
2. Finance reported that the bank was very reassuring regarding the borrowing of money for the building plan. Church finances are in good shape. The committee is looking at providing free Bible School in future years. The committee asked if the Executive Team meeting notes are posted for membership. Deb Meyer will forward these to Dr. Mike for review and will ask Stacy to organize for the membership.
3. Trustees reported that all new guest parking and handicapped signs are ordered; committee is working on setting a date to rent a lift and fix some sanctuary lighting; new night light installed outside the back nursery door; getting bids from lawn companies for spraying weeds; discussed lighting at the entrance to the driveway.
4. Dale Broeker reported that the Memorial Day ceremony went well at the Cemetery. Dale and Lou have been running the Cemetery since 1973.
5. Sue Harris reported that the Kitchen Committee didn't have any unmet needs. Deb Meyer will contact Sue regarding the cracked countertop and potential options to replace.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT:

Lavon Gilliland reported that it was a very beneficial conference. Bob Farr is the new Bishop. Voted on five (5) Amendments. These will be reflected in the Book of Discipline which is revised every four (4) years. Dr. Mike reviewed how a General Conference is called to deal with difficult, specific topics within the Methodist church.

CHURCH EVENTS UPDATE: Dr. Mike

1. **Kids Jam - VBS:** Up to 30 kids enrolled in Kids Jam. VBS is a three (3) day event with an overnight stay. Will be repeating the "Bring Your Parents to Church Sunday" several times a year.
2. **O'Fallon Fireworks:** UM men will be serving hot dogs and drinks. Greg Evans is constructing the float with the hopes of another prize.
3. **Prayer with Dr. Mike:** Explained his vision for what this time spent with participants entails. Will further explain to congregation to encourage attendance.
4. **Rascals Sunday** - June 25th Rascal's players will give testimony at the two services.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Dr. Mike

- 1. Building Committee Update:** Received plan approval from the District Superintendent; Building Committee will meet on the 26th to discuss next steps and the Capital campaign. 1st phase: Increasing youth space; bathrooms; meeting space; lobby area.
- 2. Staff Update:** Mark Roach is bringing exciting new media changes to Cornerstone. Dee currently in an Interim position
- 3. Generosity Campaign:** Still in the very early stages. Anticipates Vanco and IRA option becoming more popular.
- 4. Church website/Email:** "cornerstoneofallon.org"

Closing prayer: Dr. Mike

Next Meeting Date: August 24, 2017**

****2017 Meeting Dates**

Aug. 24, Oct. 26, Dec. 7

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