

First United Methodist Church of Frankfort Kentucky

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 23, 2022

Call to Order - Philip Sturgill - Chair

Opening Prayer - Jamie Williams

Approval of previous meeting minutes - motion-Debbie Ison, second-Eric Kennedy, approved

WORK TEAM REPORTS AND STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES:

- **Board of Trustee - Joe Meyer**

- Gutters that were damaged during the ice storm on the Todd House have been repaired
- The church yard clean up day on April 2 was very successful
- Jana and Joe have met with Meyer Maintenance and have renewed their contract
- Cat Fish Alley still needs some type of recording/monitoring for safety
- An update/upgrade is needed to the fire alarm system on the Todd House, the current system has no call out to the fire department in case of a fire in unmanned hours. Johnson control provided a quote of \$7,000, Trustees are exploring alternative options.
- There are problems with the HVAC unit at the Averill House, they are getting a cost to replace the condensing and/or heating unit.
- The Wesley Center has a broken fan blade and possibly a burned out motor, it is a work in progress

- **Finance Team - written report submitted in Holly's absence**

- Our giving is currently \$96,000 below budget. This is typical, however, we are still behind \$20,000 where we were last year at this time.
- Our expenses are still down 75%
- We have done a great job over the years of putting money aside in case of emergencies. While we do not intend to use any of those funds at this time, there are funds in reserve should an emergency arise.
- Balance on the mortgage is \$1.679 million. We continue to pay an additional \$5,000 towards the principal each month. If this payment plan continues, we will have the mortgage paid off in 9 years.
- Area of concern: the music budget YTD is over because of musicians for the Easter service. Need to keep an eye on this in order to have funding for the rest of the year.

- **Staff Parish Relations - Eric Kennedy**

- Tom Corum has secured housing in Frankfort and we have already reimbursed him for our part of his move.

- We will have a welcoming event for him on Sunday, June 26, likely a pot luck lunch after the 11:00 service
- Jamie's last Sunday will be on June 19 and we will have a reception for him
- They have been in discussions over the GNN service and an overall staff realignment
- **Permanent Endowment - Emily Powell**
 - They have been working on their strategic plan and understanding their responsibilities with the endowment fund. They will have someone from the foundation come speak to them at their September meeting.
- **Lay Leadership - no update**
- **Music - no update**
- **InReach Committee - Debbie Ison**
 - They recently completed yard work at the church and continue to provide transportation services and food deliveries
 - They had 35 people present at the Last Thoughts presentation on Sunday, May 15
- **Christian Education - Tonya Kenner**
 - VBS is scheduled for 4 Sundays in June and July, starting on June 12. The final event will be Saturday, July 30 with a service project.
 - Triple L only had 4 members attend the most recent event, they are hoping to have more in attendance at additional events.
 - June 5 will be senior recognition Sunday, scholarships will be awarded as well
 - Amy and Daniel Snow have started a new Sunday School class for singles and couples in their 20's -40's
 - Kids Night Out went well and they will start offering that quarterly again
 - Caring for Parents will meet Thursday, May 26 at 7pm, a representative from Respectfully Yours will make a presentation
 - A new outreach ministry was proposed to church council. Richard Smith will be leading this and it is tentatively called GAP ministry (acronym for God Answers Prayers suggested by Greg Hardison). This outreach will assist those in the community that come to the church looking for assistance in paying bills, housing, food, etc. They will be connected with community resources and given assistance with completing paperwork for ROSM, housing, etc. They have requested additional offering baskets be placed in the Sanctuary and Asbury Hall each Sunday for this ministry. The money will go into the Least of the Brethren fund to assist with this new ministry.
 - Motion was made by Ron Alvis, second by Ginny Smith, approved

Youth - Greg Hardison

- They are working on their summer calendar of events to welcome in the new 6th graders
- All youth events are on the shared church calendar that is now available on the church website
- Numbers are down for high school and middle school Sunday School classes, they have only had 1-2 attend each week. The Scotts are taking a break from teaching the middle school Sunday School class in June, they will make sure those kids know they can join the high school class.

• United Women in Faith - Elly Gilbert

- They have been working on their strategic plan and are looking at changing up their leadership model.

• Prayer Team - Ginny Smith

- Two people have been added to the Prayer Team this week, these are separate from the Prayer Warriors who pray specifically for and during each service on Sunday.
- She will start scheduling the Prayer Warriors through Planning Center soon and will schedule them out several months in advance.
- There has also been a request to have the prayer list printed out and available at each of the services on Sunday, they hope to have these available by September.

• Strategic Planning - Abbie Meyer

- The first draft of the strategic plan was shared with everyone this past Sunday via google docs.
- If everyone can review the document and provide comments either through the google doc comment feature or via email by June 4
- The chapters on Music and Worship are not fully complete at this time as they plan to work directly with Tom Corum on these after his first Sunday at our church.
- We will work on making revisions over the next two months and plan to bring the document back to council in July.

• Church Council Schedule - next meeting will be July 25 at 5:30

• Old Business - none

• New Business - Jamie Williams

- Jamie asked that during this time of transition to a new pastor that we give Tom his time and space before his first official Sunday on June 26. He will be in and out of the office moving things in but it is technically time off for him.

• Budget Reminder - Philip Sturgill

- As a reminder please be mindful of your budget for your committee. An immediate measure was requested to halt all unnecessary spending unless it is approved by council. We need to

focus on needs at this time and not wants. It was suggested that we have a Ministry Moment from the Finance Committee sometime soon.

- **Closing Prayer-** Jamie Williams