

First United Methodist Church of Frankfort Kentucky

CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

February 27, 2023

Call to Order – Philip Sturgill – Chair

Opening Prayer – Tom Corum

TEAM REPORTS AND UPDATES:

• **Board of Trustees – Joe Meyer**

- Working on finding someone to make repairs to the front porch of the Todd House and one column on the Lighthouse
- Servpro was supposed to come deep clean the kitchen between Christmas and New Year's but it had to be rescheduled. They have 2 tentative dates right now, both are in the first 2 weeks of April.
- They are working with the GAP ministry and are also continuing to work on the outside use agreement for the buildings.
- They are still searching for a more secure place to store the 2 church buses
- Artwork honoring Billy Davis will be installed in Gallery Hall by Easter.
- The cleaning crew of Mary Pat Dobbins, Fran Crumbaugh, and Abbie Meyer will start working on the Todd House soon.
- ADA audit for Trustees: An announcement was made to church to reserve parking on Washington St for church members who have mobility issues. So far it seems to be working.

• **Youth – Greg and Missy Hardison**

- They are back meeting regularly in the Lighthouse, attendance is around 18 each Sunday evening and they have several new youth members attending regularly.
- Plans are being made for a mission trip this summer to Oklahoma, it will be July 1-8 and open to all High School youth and any parent/adult chaperones. They will start fundraising for this soon, selling Be Kind t-shirts.
- The youth will not be able to present the Day Between service this year due to scheduling conflicts.
- Conversations are starting with SPR about planning the search for the new youth leaders.

• **Finance Team – chair TBD, email from Julie Clouse, see financial report attached**

- A financial report was emailed out by Julie, she has no concerns at this time and we are actually ahead of where we were this time last year.

• **Staff Parish Relations – Stefan Brunson**

- First formal meeting was January 18, new officers were elected:
 - Chair- Stefan Brunson
 - Vice Chair- Patricia MacDonald
 - Secretary- Eric Kennedy
- There is still one vacancy on the committee that needs to be filled
- Staff realignment was discussed briefly and will be revisited in the second quarter
- A sub-committee was formed to start working on the upcoming youth minister vacancy with the Hardisons leaving the position around the end of the summer. Patricia MacDonald is taking the lead on this along with Brandon Hurley and Phillip Shepherd.
- SRPC staff liaisons were discussed and re-assigned where needed
- Tonya's request for renewal leave was presented by Tonya and discussed and approved via an email vote. She will take a 6 week leave from June 26-August 5

- Six month contract and performance reviews were conducted with Josh Golden and Chris Powell.
- **Permanent Endowment – Emily Powell**
 - They will meet in March to elect new officers
 - They have been brainstorming on how to use some of the endowment funds, please send any ideas to Emily Powell. They have around \$20,000 and are looking for a one time project.
 - There were 10 applicants for the college scholarships.
- **Strategic Planning – Shelley Mauer**
 - The committee just started meeting again on February 19.
 - John Heltzel was added to the committee, a few people have needed to take a break from the committee this year due to scheduling conflicts
 - They have a ministry moment planned for March 19
 - The committee members were asked to touch base with the chair/staff member in charge of each chapter for a 6 month review of how things are going and then report back at the March meeting.
 - It was requested that a standing committee for Communications/Technology/Media be established by Church Council, Scott Meyer will be the chair and he will gather committee members before a formal vote is requested of Church Council.
 - They are starting to talk about a 3-5 year strategic plan but are not going to rush into that at this time.
- **Lay Delegates – Arba Kenner, nothing to report**
- **InReach – Tonya Kenner (chair TBD)**
 - Currently no chair of InReach, however they meet next week
 - Things are moving ahead for an area to store medical equipment at the church for members to sign out and use when needed, they will have a waiver to sign as well
 - They are working on planning another health fair
 - All of the shut ins at the church are being covered at this time
- **Christian Education – Tonya Kenner**
 - Respite leave will be 6 weeks this summer, starting after VBS
 - The Sunday evening Lenten series has started and is going well.
 - Vacation Bible School will kick off June 22 with a pool party and then VBS will be June 23-25.
 - They are working on getting a new Sunday school class for young adults started.
- **Outreach – John Heltzel**
 - A full year of ministry moments has been planned, they will also have articles in the newsletter and weekly church email blast.
 - The outreach fair in January in Gallery Hall went very well, they had many compliments and several people ask to join various outreach teams.
 - They will collect grant applications for 2024 starting in the second quarter, these will be due by June 30.
 - They are working on revising the missions brochure and adding an outreach page to the church website.
 - They are also working on a procedures document for all of outreach.
 - Cleland White shared a facebook post from Brian DeMers about the recent mission trip to Honduras. They saw 217 dental patients, 318 optical patients, 750 medical appointments, and had 2500 prescriptions dispensed.

- **Wesley Center Day School – see email report attached**
- **United Women in Faith – Arba Kenner**
 - They have started providing a 5th Sunday meal to the Wesley Foundation at KSU, the first one went well
 - They do not have a president or vice president yet, secretary and treasurer have been filled.
 - A group went to the capitol for Child Advocacy Day
- **United Methodist Men – Byron Brewer**
 - Since in person meetings started back they have had around 20 people attending, they have had several excellent speakers including DJ Wasson, a speaker from ROSM and St. Vincent DePaul
 - They are conducting an in-person bible study during lent on Saturday mornings
 - They are teaming up with UWF for several projects including cooking dinner for the Sunday evening Lenten study on March 5.
 - Plans are in the works for a “dads and dudes” event, a multi-generational dinner for mentoring and discussion with a variety of ages.
- **Prayer Team – See email report attached from Ginny Smith who was unable to attend in person**
- **New/Old Business – none**
- **Closing Prayer – Tom Corum**