

SLT Meeting

May 10, 2023 (5:30pm)

Attending: Anita Tulp Bill Bertram
Katy VanDyke Mary Lee Nielson
Jan McCarthy Phil Mueller
Bev Enger Pastor Duane Coates
Randi Watterson, Recorder Bruce Larson

Absent: Michelle Grebel, Holly Neuberger, Bonnie Ranum, Derek Woehl.

Devotions and Prayer: Pastor Duane – Hope/Community

Bev Enger moved to accept the minutes from April 12, 2023. 2nd.

Approved.

Old Business:

Audit Update: Letters have gone out to potential auditors and church checkbook holders. Curt Van Dyke will be heading the auditor group. The treasurers will need to do some paperwork to aide future auditors. The SLT will set the scope of the audit and will document what is done by the Audit Group for future use. The Audit should be completed by the middle or end of June 2023.

Office Administrator: On behalf of the Staff-Parish Working Group, Bev Enger moved to have Pastor Duane Coates offer the office administrator position to Cassidy Fraedrich. 2nd. Approved. According to the Job Description, vacation time (five days) will be granted one year from the anniversary date of hire. As the Financial Secretary, Cassidy may be invited to join the Finance Group meeting as needed or as requested by the SLT.

Church Pictorial Directory: Katy Van Dyke moved to accept the dates of August 22 and 23rd for pictures to be taken for the Church Pictorial Directory. 2nd. Approved. The company is Unique Church Solutions. Included in the letter that will go out, regarding the Pictorial Directory, will be questions regarding church membership and attendance.

New Business:

Pastor's Report: Pastor Duane Coates presented a grid of optics regarding the Annual Schedule for the Servant Leadership Team. It shows guidelines for when things should be addressed by each of the working groups. Pastor Duane noted that there have been 6 funerals in the past 6 weeks. Cindy's neck surgery is scheduled for July 5, 2023. Pastor Duane will be leaving on July 2nd. Pastor Duane will send letters to those who applied for the Office Administrator Position, but were not chosen.

Workgroup Reports:

Trustees: Sidewalk Project - Jan McCarthy noted that the sidewalk leading from the church's old entrance doors, on the east side, has shifted and when moved, opened up to a large hole (4' by 4'). In the hole was a pipe, coming from the direction of the church, that was leaking water. The city checked their maps and could not find the pipe. George McCarthy will contact Scott Cummings regarding tearing out the sidewalk and checking on the pipe.

Report addressing issues from March 5th fire inspection before May 5th - Batteries were ordered for the exit signs. Holly Neuberger is making signs to indicate the clear space required around the electrical boxes.

Hydraulic desk – Bruce Larson requested the church WSI number needed to apply for a grant for the hydraulic desk.

Tree in Memory of Pat Malec - Jan McCarthy reached out to Pat's California family and is waiting for their response. The plan is to replace a Blue Spruce, located along the north side of the church, which had been removed.

Financial Work Group: Reports showing the March and April financial information were presented and discussed. Anita Tulp moved to accept the financial reports. 2nd. Approved. Apportionments have been paid through the end of March.

Pastor Parish: Bev Enger brought up the possibility of changing the time of the Sunday Worship Service to 9:30 am during the summer months. People will be asked their opinions regarding this. Pastor Duane will be gone on the following Sundays: May 21st (Historical Society of UMC), June 11th (Annual Conference), July 9th and July 16th (Vacation Days). These leaves of absence were accepted by the SLT.

Ongoing Signature Ministries:

Epworth's Holy Grounds - The earnings from the past week set a new record. Four new baristas have been hired.

Great Plains Food Bank – The people from GPFB need to provide more workers to unload the food and fill the cars. The church is only responsible for providing people to do traffic control.

We Love Washington School – A gift certificate for coffee will be given to each teacher and every staff member at Washington Elementary Public School to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week. A jar for donations will be provided during the Sunday May 14th Service. Virlyn Hoff is taking charge of this.

Valley City State University – VCSU will have a reception for the grad school students at Epworth Church from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 13. They will set up at 3:00 on Friday, May 12th.

Marv Bloom will no longer be calling people regarding Meals on Wheels distribution.

The next SLT meeting will be on Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 5:30 pm.

Prayer and Adjournment.

Randi Watterson, Recorder