

Board of Stewards Meeting

01/21/2018

Members present: Rev. Jim Bass, Kim Brizendine, Chuck Carlisle, Lisa Chisholm, Dennis Cruse, Kat Grannemann, Pete Halvorson, Laura Hetsko, Rick Powers, David Rachita, Amy Reynolds, Randy Russell, Carole Young

Former Members present: Preston Armistead, Walter Wills, Lillian Wilson

Associates present: Anita Griffith, Rev. Howard Huhn

Associates absent: Ken Lair, Rick Meyers

Guest: Chris Leslie (Communications)

Minutes

Amy Reynolds (chair) called the meeting to order with a devotional.

Rev. Jim Bass gave a brief history of the Board. It was requested that since the Board is so new that the organizational/governing documents be emailed to the Board members so they can review these at their leisure. Anita Griffith (secretary) will do this.

Current members & former members introduced themselves.

Chuck Carlisle was selected to serve as vice-chair of the Board. This is a position where the vice-chair is groomed to take over the chair position but not a commitment to do so.

Other members that are representing former committees of the church are Rick Powers (SPRC), Dennis Cruse (Trustees) & Kim Brizendine (Finance).

It was decided that the Board will meet on the 3rd Sunday of each month (may be months that this will change) & will meet directly after church with lunch served.

Finance: Ken Lair was absent so Rev. Howard Huhn reported. The end of the year statements have been mailed to giving participants. Due to the time needed to complete the financials for the month this information will be emailed to the Board by Ken. Approvals/Questions can be emailed to Ken at that time. Ken will also send out the 2018 budget. Carry-over money from 2017 was \$150,000. Apportionments paid for 2017 was \$67,000.

Pete Halvorson handed out the Friendswood Methodist Governance Chart. It was reviewed. Kim Brizendine stated he would like to see this chart taken to a second level & would be willing to help. It was decided to give this more thought and to table discussion at this time.

In the absence of Rick Meyers (Facilities) Jim addressed maintenance issues. During the freeze the sprinkler heads (exterior) on the north side of the Worship Center froze & broke. Most of the escaping water was outside but some did seep under the wall into the sanctuary. Also, a pipe in the chiller unit area broke. All of these items are being repaired & we are looking into ways to prevent this from happening in the future.

Ministry reports from the program staff are being set up on a monthly rotation. Rev. Howard Huhn reviewed the church's vision by explaining our Kingdom concept of leading families from indifference, self-sufficiency, & brokenness to transformed living in Christ. He did this through

a handout explaining Values, Strategy, Missions, & Measures. The guide for this is a book called Church Unique that has been used by the staff. Next month's report will come from Rev. Rosemary Dubois reporting on her ministries including the church's new Prayer & Healing Ministry.

Chris Leslie (Communications) was present to talk about our website & the planned Phase 1 changes that are coming to it. There will be a section dedicated to the Board where agendas & minutes can be posted. There was much discussion on varying ways to communicate through the website as well as other means. Having Forums/Town Hall meetings in the Fall & Spring were mentioned. It was discussed that the Board have name badges to be worn on Sunday. Chris can make these. Further discussion is needed. It is important that the Board stays in front of the people for easy access. We need a feedback plan for the congregation's input. It was also suggested that there be a monthly blog from the individual members of the Board.

The Board will be presented to the congregation at all three services on Sunday, February 4. This will take place the end of the 8:30 & 9:45 services & at the beginning of the 11:05 service.

Jim introduced the Wesleyan Covenant Association (booklet handout). It is an association that holds to Wesleyan theology. Jim & Howard are members. There will be more discussion in the next couple of meetings as to whether the church will join. Everyone is waiting to see what recommendations come down from the Council as to the future of the United Methodist Church. This will happen on May 4, 2018.

The meeting was closed in prayer with the next scheduled meeting being Sunday, February 18 at 12:15 pm in the Parlor. Lunch will be provided.

Submitted by Anita Griffith