

Lindenwood Board Meeting Minutes November 20, 2016

Attendees: Emily Duke, Kim Hunter, Chris Luhrs, Richard Fisher, Cindy Dando, Dallas Minner, Anna Hough, Krista Williams, Mike Robb

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m. by board chair Emily Duke.
The October minutes were reviewed and approved.

Intentional Collaboration with Memphis Theological Seminary – Mike Robb

Lindenwood has been approached by the Memphis Theological Seminary regarding a discussion of a beneficial partnership between MTS and Lindenwood.

- Initial discussions with proposed leasing of classroom space.
- A more formal relationship with Lindenwood.
- Students will get practical experience serving at Lindenwood. The school needs more space. They want to partner with Lindenwood. They are non-domination and the partnership could benefit them and Lindenwood.
- Lindenwood could become a teaching church.
- Mike sees this as a win-win for Lindenwood and Memphis Theological Seminary.
- Pastor Law wanted to advise the board of the talks and receive the board's blessing.
- Other benefits from the partnership include money for expansion of our day care center and after school care.
- The board approved moving forward with formal discussions.

Search Committee for Youth Minister

Kris Walden and Betsy Kirby are leading the search committee. Parents and youth members will be added to the search committee.

Foundation Update – Richard Fisher

- Gift from the estate of Mickey Meredith
- The Raise the Roof Campaign has \$572K in pledges and gifts; our goal is \$700K

Elders Update – was given by Cindy Dando.
Copy of report is attached.

Deacon Update – was given by Krista Williams and Chris Luhrs.
The Deacon's Christmas Party is scheduled for December 17th.

Nominating Committee Update for Elders and Deacons from Cindy Dando

- Cindy provided the slate for new board members, elders and deacons.

- Board approved the nominees for presentation to the congregation. *(Note several nominees were approved via email after the board meeting).

Financial Report – Anna Hough

- Pledges 120 pledges to date - \$503K
- 51 outstanding pledges + new members that are being followed up on.
- Need to focus on new members and the members who have not turned in pledges.
- Designated funds currently \$66,149
- Rental/special events fund - \$19,000.
- Estimated cost of sound system renovations for the sanctuary is \$21,875.00
- Good News – Lindenwood continues to operate in the black for the year. Currently, we are \$6,908 under budget.
- Debt repayment is down to \$1500

Next Board Meeting – December 11, 2016

The Congregational Meeting is scheduled for December 14, at 6:30 p.m.

Dessert will be served.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 1:50 p.m.