

Lindenwood Board Meeting February 26, 2017

Board Members: Pastor Law, Linda Rose, Marianne Sheridan, Cindy Dando (phone), Chris Luhrs, Bill Hopper, Kim Hunter, Richard Fisher, Anna Hough, Leroy Mallory.

Guests: Mike Robb, Donna Hopper

The retreat was called to order by Linda Rose at 12:18.

Board members introduced themselves. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Anna Hough led the opening prayer.

Financial Report – Anna Hough

- Lindenwood is in good financial shape. Membership receipts were in the black in January for the first time in years
- About \$2,000 has been raised of \$12,500 needed by Easter to trigger matching funds for organ repair. Organ work needs to be done after Easter. It was suggested that flyers about the organ needs be made available for concert March 5.

Anna also reported for the Worship Committee that five more participants were needed for the presentation of the Elements.

There was no report from the Personnel Committee. Chris Waldon will report next Board meeting.

Anna reported for the Elders Committee that their retreat has been combined with Kingsway Christian Church. Speakers have been confirmed for the retreat.

Minister's Report – Pastor Law

- It has been a good two months focusing on Millennials (defined as ages 18-36). There have been two gatherings for ages 20-40. Some millennials prefer contemporary services but others like the traditional service and organ. Jill Westbrook has been great as an Interim. She is working on the website, guest gift bags, and signage. Bill Hopper mentioned the need for consolidation of website domains to Lindenwoodcc.org.
- The Search Committee has been active, and has talked to 9-10 candidates. They have three top prospects and hope to have one candidate by March 8 to be presented to Personnel Committee.
- Lent is coming up.
- Carol Smith, Church Secretary, will have surgery March 6. Prayers are asked. We will have an interim secretary while she is out.

- Designated funds will be used for Harold Goodwin to assist with the passing of his daughter.

Millennial Leadership Group - Mike Robb

- Mike and Susan Archie have been working with the Millennial Leadership Group. Initial focus has been on website, examples such as choose901.com were mentioned.
- 59% of Millennials leave church because they do not feel it is relevant.
- Both worship services need to be evaluated and tweaked.
- Millennials must be top priority for future of church.

MTS Seminary Committee – Mike Robb

- Memphis Theological Seminary is also very interested in studying Millennials and in working with Lindenwood to do so. The MTS Board meeting is in April, we may do a meet and greet with Lindenwood Board.

Richard Fisher commented that the need to accommodate Millennials is a generational, worldwide trend, not limited to Lindenwood.

National Benevolent Association – Linda Rose

- The NBA is a wing of the Disciples of Christ church which used to focus on orphan and elder care but is transitioning.
- Pastor Law is speaking at the NBA General Assembly (June 8-12 in Indianapolis).
- Lindenwood has been asked to co-sponsor event
- Lindenwood has also been asked to donate to the event.
- It was moved and passed to allow Lindenwood to be listed as a co-host.
- It was moved and passed to donate \$500 the event, with the provision that groups at Lindenwood would be asked to donate so that it would not come from general funds.

Foundation – Richard Fisher

- The duplex at 1366 and 1368 Vance has been donated to the Foundation by Obid Johnson. It is valued at \$159,000, and is being listed for sale as-is by Sally Isom.
- It was moved and passed to authorize Linda Craig to sign the listing contract.

Phone Contract – Bill Hopper

- The Priorities committee has recommended that the PRI circuit carrying all phone calls be switched from Level 3 to Comcast Business. Internet service has already been moved to Comcast Business, but we cannot cancel the Level 3 contact until the PRI is moved. Moving the PRI to Comcast Business will save about \$500 per month.

- It was moved and passed to authorize Linda Craig to sign the contract to move PRI service.

The meeting was adjourned 1:35 p.m.