

Minutes of Lindenwood Board Meeting May 21, 2017

Board Members Present: Pastor Law, Linda Rose, Marianne Sheridan, Anna Hough, Cindy Dando, Bill Hopper, Leroy Mallory, Kim Hunter, Richard Fisher

Board Members Absent: Chris Luhrs

Guests Present: Phil Vaughn, Donna Hopper

The meeting was called to order by Linda Rose at 12:45. Richard led an opening prayer.

March Minutes – Bill

Minutes were reviewed. Cindy moved to approve April Minutes. Motion was approved unanimously.

Facilities Usage - Phil Vaughn

One of our buses is being rented out for the summer for \$500 per week. There was a cost of \$600 to change the magnetic signs on the bus.

Wings Gymnastics is expanding to 4 days per week (M-Th) as of June 1. This means more money for LWCC and more people on property. They will get one dedicated classroom in the Ted Sams wing.

Childcare will get the Underground every day. All rooms at LWCC have been assigned numbers and the map has been updated. All doors have been renumbered.

Senior Minister's Report – Pastor Law

Campus safety has been an ongoing concern and we have moved forward with relocating the weekday entrance to the courtyard. There was a conflict last week with a person who has now been informed that they cannot come back on LWCC property. Pastor Law would like to have a more comprehensive safety/evacuation plan in place.

Information re Millennial efforts will be shared soon. Wednesday Nights Lite will be starting June 7 with some new voices.

Christina McClain is the new part-time assistant for Pastor Law.

Sandra Summers will be new full-time Next-Generation Minister (includes Youth and Children). She is ordained in UMC Church and her husband is the new minister of UU Church on the River. She has not yet formally accepted but is expected to be on-board the first part of August. We may also use interns to assist her.

Salaries are out of whack and need to be restructured to see if we can afford another position. Pastor Law is working with the Personnel Committee to revise the salary structure.

We are working on a vision/strategic plan and looking for an outside company to help with this. Phil Vaughan will be working on moving the vision forward. Two companies, Hope Partnership and Ministry Architect, are being considered and \$6k has been budgeted. There will be information published in the bulletin to drive vision. We are also working to improve the facilities.

We are working to improve our guest retention strategy. Jill Westbrook is following up with guests, scheduling meetings with Pastor Law, and taking other measures.

Elders Report – Cindy

Elders Retreat was held May 6 in conjunction with Kingsway. Attendance from LWCC was low. Twenty-two shepherding teams have been assigned, but are waiting on pictures of members to be completed.

There have been issues with picture make-up days, and another make-up day is needed.

The June Elders Meeting will be a fish fry. Deacons will meet in June.

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Capitol Priorities Guidelines – Linda

Sanctuary sound system upgrade which was tabled in April meeting was discussed. The need for procedures or guidelines for capital expenditures was discussed. Kim volunteered to write a first draft for discussion at next Board meeting.

Anna moved that we accept the of the Capitol Priorities Committee and approve contract for upgrade of sanctuary sound system. Motion was approved unanimously.

Foundation Report – Richard

Clay Isom is chair of Foundation. Other members are Richard Fisher and Lynn Pleasants. Proceeds from sale of duplex at 1366/1368 Vance was \$54,846. Current proceeds of Raise the Roof campaign is \$778,374.00, exceeding \$700k goal. We have spent \$546,259.00 on roof projects. Foundation now has total funds of \$940,624.00. Roof on gym must be replaced as soon as possible. Entire roof should be cleaned more regularly.

Town Village had to cancel their “emergency site” visit to LWCC. They will reschedule and will provide a more detailed framework of their needs.

MTS reception was May 11 and was interesting and enjoyable. They were founded in 1852 and recently had a \$18.52 per month fund-raising campaign. LWCC was founded in 1843, and possibility of our doing a \$18.43 fundraising campaign was briefly discussed.

Finances – Anna

Member contributions have been consistently down, more than \$29k below budget through April. We must do something to address this. Pastor Law commented that stewardship letters are going out in May, but we need more givers. This will be part of the strategic vision discussions.

Congregational Meeting - Linda

Sandwiches will be provided prior to the meeting, plans are for a 45-minute meeting. Topics will include Financials, Mission & Ministry, Outreach, Personnel, the Vision process, and the Foundation. Christina will draft the PowerPoints.

Roundtable

Pastor Law commented that the staff had done a great job while she was gone. Anna asked if we should rope off the sides of the sanctuary to consolidate seating and make it easier to take the offering and serve communion. This was remanded to the Worship committee for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

The next meeting was scheduled for June 25.

Bill Hopper
LWCC Board Secretary