

Castleton United Methodist Church
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2015

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. The meeting opened with prayer and devotional by Pastor Billy. The devotional theme was on God sightings and that God is in the now. Scripture text was John 14 1-14.

Team members present: Pastor Billy Nickrand, Paul Bickle, David Ayers, Jerry Robinson, Deb McCloud, Margo Ward, Tom Schubert, Roy Byerly, Dorian Poole, and Carol Craig.

Minutes

Minutes of the Leadership Team meeting for the March 17, 2015 had been previously distributed by email and approved.

Extravagant Generosity (Deb McCloud)

Deb reported that Castleton campus year-to-date receipts through March 31 were \$587,302 which is 120.8% of goal. Sunrise receipts were a little below goal at \$60,793 through the same period. This was 94.1% of goal, but \$10,000 more than last year at the end of the first quarter. Pastor Matt shared information via e-mail that Sunrise would be on target in their planned receipts after a family that returns from extended vacation catches up with their giving. The blended total for both campuses was 117.7% of goal. There was a discussion on how we share this information with the congregation. It was noted that the church bulletin contains the data. Additional avenues of communication of the financial condition would be considered in the future.

To get a better understanding of the Endowment Funds, Deb has contacted Jim Long and Rebecca Muller. She will make a report to the Leadership Team after the consultation.

Other Financial Matters

Treasurer David Ayers noted that the church would receive \$500,000 under the legacy life insurance program from the passing of long-time member Betty Lawson. Leadership team noted the support of the church by Betty Lawson and her family. Proceeds of the life insurance will be used to lower the balance of Note C with Star Bank, our mortgagee, to a new balance of \$1,250,000. David stated that the remaining life insurance in force under the legacy program is \$5,300,000. He also stated that another financial institution had made inquiry about obtaining our mortgage business. He and Deb will do some additional analysis to determine if it is worth pursuing.

Trustees (Tom Schubert)

New carpet in the old narthex area is down and looks great. Carpeting was completed with the financial support of CUMNS, which uses the space for visitor entry and access

control. There is new painting in the restrooms in that area and the space is considered to be 95% completed.

Family Life Center is progressing satisfactorily on planned time-line with major support from Jim Getz, Wayne Derr, and David Poole. There have been many others who have provided their support to this project. Even though the space is not completed, it will be used on April 25. Additionally, the Bishop's Leadership Training will be held in the space and children's movie night is scheduled in the near future. Based funds for project were designated at \$22,000 and have been expended. There have been additional gifts from the members of the congregation for a total funds available of \$36,233. Unforeseen items included replacement of smoke detection equipment at a cost of \$3,796. Cost to date is \$36,533 which leaves a deficit on project of \$300 to date. Stage vinyl, nosing on steps, and carpeting are not completed. Estimated cost of these items is \$3,300, leaving estimated deficit of \$3,600. Tom estimated that new furniture and stage lighting would cost \$20,000 and \$5,000, respectively. Donations for these final two items will be sought at the end of May.

Sunrise transition

All aspects of the transition are on target and start of Gateway Community Church remains on schedule for July 1. Papers have been filed for the tax identification number. Approval from the Bishop's office has been obtained. Attendance last Sunday was 133 with 38 in Sunday School. Easter attendance was 226 with 81 children in Sunday School. Lease arrangements between CUMC and Gateway are being discussed. Tom Schubert requested he be given ample time to review the lease prior to it being in force.

Still Waters Adult Day Care

Still Waters and Eastgate Christian Church, 8100 East 16th Street, Indianapolis, IN, have provided an expansion opportunity to the Leadership Team. Eastgate has available space and funds for re-purposing the space into an adult day care facility. This would be an important outreach ministry for Eastgate. The proposal would be for Still Waters to rent the space and expand its operation. Kathy Pellman estimated a first year operating deficit of \$40,000 based on her experience with the start-up costs. Discussion followed and there were several questions about the operation. Leadership team put together a list of questions and items for discussion to be provided Kathy Pellman. The following items were requested to aid in our decision: (1) Updated financial plan - profit & loss statement for year 1. (2) Sharing arrangement possibility for profit and loss. (3) What are the insurance coverages of employee and building? (4) Will Kathy Pellman be the manager of both sites? (4) Who coordinates the volunteers for the Eastgate location? What are the plans to recruit volunteers from the Eastgate congregation? Would volunteers be shared? (5) Who will oversee Eastgate location? (6) What are the hours of operation? (7) Tom Schubert requested the ability to walk through the proposed Eastgate location.

Misc.

Carol Craig reported that other congregations were using the concept of being an outward facing circle as they serve their community based on hearing about or witnessing our church model.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, May 19th @ 6:30 pm.

Secretary: Jerry Robinson