

Castleton UMC Governance Board May Meeting

Before May's meeting got down to business, members shared celebrations and prayer requests. With Chris's guidance, board members reflected upon and answered personal questions. The aim was to discern whether individuals' values and behaviors are primarily shaped by the world or by the teachings of Jesus.

Jodi Meehan, director of CUMNS, provided the board with an update on the preschool's current status. The director reported that the preschool is operating at full capacity with a complete staff. This year's 5% tuition increase, intended to cover supplies, salaries, and benefits, is projected to generate an annual income of \$1,518,194. With total expenses estimated at \$1,498,854, the preschool anticipates a net income of \$19,340.

Pastor Matt provided updates on several programs. The fish fry will proceed as planned, while the annual big tent service is still under discussion. The Safe Park Indy organization has ceased operations due to safety concerns therefore, the church parking lot will not be utilized. Pastor Matt discussed using the parking lot at 75th and Shadeland for the Gleaners Summer Cares Program with the property owners. If permission is not granted, the church campus will be the location for food distribution.

Susan shared a report from the Staff Parish Relations Committee. The United Women in Faith organization is thriving and intends to align its mission work with that of the church. Reashea is organizing staff birthday celebrations and looking for musicians to join the Praise Band.

The Finance Report showed that similar to last month, pledged giving exceeded the budget, while unpledged giving was below budget. Salaries and Trustees' expenses are over budget; other expenses are under budget, resulting in a \$16,000 overall overage. The church currently has \$264,812 in the checking and savings accounts.

In the last few years, the church has been unable to tithe to the conference. Pastor Matt believes it is crucial that Castleton UMC contribute to the conference, and with that in mind, the board voted to send \$4,000 this year with the hopes of increasing it in the future.

The Finance Committee is looking to provide financial education classes in the coming year. Everyone should be on the lookout for a survey to gauge the needs and interests of the congregation.

If you're looking for information on mission partners, take a look at the Mission Committee's table and kiosk in the narthex. They will also pass out flyers on the days they present a Mission's Moment. Jessica Evans from Allies will speak on human trafficking on June 8th. There will be a workshop with lunch after the service, and childcare will be available.

The Trustees shared positive updates on the kitchen renovations and the sprinkler system. Volunteers completed significant kitchen improvements, including painting, paneling, installing shelves, putting in a new sink, and replacing two burners and outlets. The updated kitchen looks amazing.

The Ministry Center's dry sprinkler system has been repaired and is now back online. Ryan Sprinkler did the work for a 10th of the other estimates. The church will likely switch to Ryan for future monitoring and maintenance checks.

The meeting ended at 8:06 with a closing prayer from David. The next meeting will take place on June 10th, and the agenda will be posted to the church website one week prior. Please contact any of the Governance Board members with questions, ideas, or concerns.