

Leadership Council Minutes

9/23/24

Members Present: Mike Alexa, Rick Allison, Anne Atzinger, Denny Blessing, Kathy Heistand, Phil Howard, Audrey Miller, Melissa Truelove

1. Audrey Miller opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Attendance Report (August)
 - a. Stones Crossing Campus
 - Avg. Worship Attendance 226, year-to-date Avg. 229
 - Avg. Facebook Attendance 45, year-to-date Avg. 50
 - SS/LG Avg. Attendance 143 (16 children, 6 youth), year-to-date Avg. 155 (19 children, 5 youth)
 - 1st time visitors 8, 2nd time visitors 1
 - b. Trafalgar Campus
 - Avg. Worship Attendance 58, year-to-date Avg. 44
3. Pastor's Report
 - Denny Blessing shared Pastor Jeff's report as he is at the Convening General Conference of the Global Methodist Church in Costa Rica, the first General Conference for our new denomination.
 - An update of the Convening General Conference will be given in a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, September 29 by Pastor Jeff and Mike Womack.
 - Staff completed a rough draft of the 2025 planning calendar and identified key events or services each month that will be highlighted.
 - We transitioned back to two services and are off to a good start.
 - Plans are in the works for Advent and Christmas Eve. On the 4th Sunday of Advent there will be a no-rehearsal Christmas Pageant for the sermon at 9am for all Sunday School and Daycare kids.
 - We are celebrating this current series in Worship on the Path of Discipleship.
 - This Sunday, September 29, is Commitment Sunday and we will collect Pledge Cards and Time and Talent forms.
4. Child Protection Policy, 2nd Read
 - The council briefly reviewed the proposed changes.
 - Question was raised as to the definition of the Executive Committee and where it is defined and who is currently on the committee.
 - The policy was tabled due to John Thompson's absence.
5. DAB Process Document
 - The daycare process statement is divided into 4 parts: Purpose Statement, Monthly Shared Expense, Operating Cash Balance, and Daycare Year-End Balance.
 - The current shared expense amount is \$12,500. This amount will increase by 8% for 2025 since there has not been an increase since 2017. After 2025, the amount may be increased by 0-4% per year, over the previous year's amount.
 - The Operating Cash Balance was previously voted on by the Leadership Council and will remain the same.

- Anne Atzinger recommends voting on the policy at next month's meeting.
6. Financial Report—August
 - The Stones Crossing Campus was down \$(23,272) for the month and down \$(7,204) year-to-date.
 - The Daycare was down \$(16,038) for the month and had a surplus of \$5,673 year-to-date.
 - The Trafalgar Campus was down \$(1,612) for the month and had a surplus of \$11,294 year-to-date. The Trafalgar shortfall was due to an extra payroll for this campus.
 - August's income for Stones Crossing was a concern but expenses were good.
 7. Lay Leadership Role Updates
 - The sub-committee continues to review lay leadership job descriptions.
 - This item will be tabled in the absence of John Thompson.
 8. Denny Blessing closed the meeting with prayer.