

Leadership Council Minutes

12/20/21

Members Present: Rick Allison, Kent Brumbaugh, Jeff Buck, Marge Patton, Mark Rich, John Thompson, Jeff Wright

Guests Present: Anne Atzinger, Kathy Heistand, Phil Howard, Mike Womack

NOTE: Meeting held virtually via Zoom video and teleconference.

1. Kent Brumbaugh opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Nehemiah Journey
 - Pastor Jeff introduced the Nehemiah Journey, a program developed and offered by the Wesleyan Covenant Association.
 - The program is named after Nehemiah in reference to his leadership of the rebuilding of the walls around Jerusalem. The concept is to help Methodist congregations in their own process of rebuilding over the course of a full calendar year.
 - Council members received materials describing the program, which has four phases.
 - There were multiple questions, including communication to the congregation, and the amount of time commitment involved for the pastors and staff. More research will be needed to respond to these questions.
 - Pastor Jeff recommends Mt. Auburn's participation in the program and would like the Leadership Council to endorse it with a vote in January.
3. Boy Scouts of America (BSA) Plan of Reorganization
 - a. On December 8, our District Superintendent convened a virtual charge conference for the purpose of voting on the proposed BSA Plan of Reorganization. The ad hoc committee of the United Methodist Church recommended to reject the proposed plan. A majority present for Mt. Auburn voted to authorize the Trustees to vote on behalf of the congregation. The vote must be rendered by December 28.
 - b. In our single-body governance model, the Leadership Council functions as the Trustees. Therefore, the Council must vote on the BSA Plan of Reorganization.
 - c. Phil Howard reported that he had received notice through the BSA representatives of a revised plan that had been negotiated between the BSA and the ad hoc committee of the United Methodist Church. It is expected to be announced in 2-3 days, but for now our vote would still be based on the December 8 recommendation.
 - d. Pastor Jeff Buck made a motion to reject the BSA Plan of Reorganization, but to also follow any updated recommendations of the ad hoc committee. Rick Allison seconded the motion and the Council unanimously voted to approve.
4. The Leadership Council reconvened as the SPRC after a short break.