

Rush United Methodist Church
Leadership Committee Meeting Notes
May 9, 2020

Present: Tanya Hunt, Geoff Furman, Cindy Wallace, Lynn Lessler, Jim Comstock, Pastor Todd Goddard, Erin Bills, Lynda Wanzenried, Chris Chamot

Meeting called to order by Tonya Hunt, a prayer was said by Pastor Todd and joys and concerns were shared.

Discussion of values of our church:

- Excellence in Worship: commitment to music
- Family Centered: PromiseLand, Christian Education, Visitation Ministry
- Mission and Outreach; living and sharing the love of Jesus

Visions of our church were tabled until next month. Pastor Todd asked us to read Matthew 5:48.

Finance

- Income is better than anticipated for this time period, due to special giving, fund raising and prepaid pledges.
- Snow plowing was very expensive this year. Purchasing a snowplow would be much cheaper than paying for snowplowing.
- The cleaning crew for the church will work Fridays after 6:00PM and do the foyer, sanctuary, bathrooms and fellowship hall for \$70 per visit. Future areas to be cleaned will be discussed after the restrictions from COVID-10 end.
- We are not currently paying our apportionments.

SPRC

- The Payroll Protection Incentive Plan has awarded us \$95,400 in the second round of funding. This will be converted to a grant if we meet the government's criteria. The discussion of how the money should be spent is up to the SPRC Committee, although \$71,550 must be used for payroll, benefits and any fair and equitable bonuses. Also, we must use it to pay utility costs for 8 weeks. Payroll must cover only work at church and by church and PromiseLand staff and will be handled in a morally and ethical manner. All information about the dispersal of these funds will be available to the congregation. Chris reminded everyone that this is a "one shot deal" and that going forward, after 8 weeks, we are back to square one. Chris made a motion to move forward as discussed. Lynda seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Estimated use of the \$95,400 loan/grant is as follows:

\$57,839.00	Payroll and Benefits
19,270.56	Bonus and Backpay
77,110.37	Total for Employee Compensation
4,826.18	Utilities
\$81,936.56	Grand total

Remember that the above numbers represent estimates. Any unused monies must be returned to the government.

SPRC continued:

- Pastor Todd will be taking a vacation day on July 12th.
- Pastor Todd is thankful for the contributions to the Jerusalem Fund and for the ability to aid individuals and families in deep financial needs.
- The committee reviewed the COVID-19 letter to go out to the congregation.
- The “sound board authorities” are working on distributing sound so that we will have sound in the dining room if social distancing requires use of that room during services.
- Louise Miller should be contacting the ushers to see who’s willing to usher during this time.
- John Kessler asked for a timeline when the Stewardship Campaign should be completed. As the budget is approved at the Annual Meeting, it was decided that the campaign must be completed by November 1, 2020.

Building and Grounds

- Connor Electric should be starting the parking lot job by the end of this month.
- There was a Zoom conference in regards to the roof and additional water damage has been identified. Hopefully there will be a resolution by the end of May.
- A parking lot drainage issue has been identified. The driveway ends where the stone begins and the stone is washing out.
- Parsonage issues are being dealt with by Rob Gruschow and Doug Kohn.
- Chris has not received answers to his questions about the land left to us by George Popp.

- Despite changing all the lights there doesn't seem to be any lessening of our electric bill. Building and Grounds will follow up on this issue with National Grid.
- A significant amount of time has been spent on the sound board, getting the light and streaming down perfectly. Also eliminating the hissing sound and monitoring for the band.

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Mission Outreach

- Leola has stepped down as the co-chair for the Super Sale and Britta will be taking classes. The sale needs another co-chair and additional people to work at the sale.
- A discussion ensued concerning the viability of an online super sale.
- Pastor Todd would like a Zoom conference of people involved with the Super Sale to try to find a solution.
- Asbury wants to pick up some of our infant clothing for their retail outlet. Pastor Todd doesn't want to open the room to them. He will leave it up to Britta to decide if we should charge Asbury for the clothing as they charge for what they sell. Lynn offered to help Britta to gather clothes..
- Zululand Hospice and Orphanage reports that someone broke into the gates and damaged a vehicle while trying to steal it.

Notes submitted by:

Cindy Wallace

The next Leadership Committee meeting will be held on
June 13, 2020