

Rush United Methodist Church  
Leadership Committee Meeting Notes  
January 11, 2020

Present: Tonya Hunt, Jim Comstock, Lynn Kessler, Mike Porter, Geoff Furman, Chris Chamot, Lynda Wanzenried, Cindy Wallace, Pastor Todd

Absent: Erin Bills

**Joys and Concerns and Prayers**

**Learning Video: Acceptance, Support, Care**

- Things we do well: excessibility
- Things we need to do: become more aware, make relationships, set guidelines for behavior
- This conversation isn't over for the Leadership Committee and the congregation. We all need to think and pray about it.

**Finance:**

- Reserves up slightly expenses down
- We ended 2019 with approximately \$32,000 extra of which \$15,000 was given to pay apportionments.
- Finance, Memorial and Endowment Committees will be meeting to define what each group can do with their money.

**SPRC:**

- The staff received their evaluations. Todd is pleased with the high skill level of the staff.

**Worship:**

- Cindy will check with Britta about money in the Worship Committee for decorating the sanctuary.
- Discussion about having 1 or 2 services in the summer. Lynn made a motion to keep the 2 services except on holidays. Jim seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous.
- Jim attended the last Worship Committee meeting and said he appreciates all the work that goes into creating the decorations in the sanctuary.

**Building and Grounds**

- This week all is ready to start computerized the doors in the church.
- Video security system is installed in 3 cameras and they are working on getting the system up and running. Eventually more will be added. Ivan is heading up the project.
- A power strip still needs to be added to the office.
- The stain job on the office window was poorly done and Chris isn't sure how to fix it.
- LED lighting in the church is completed. The sanctuary lighting wasn't covered by National Grid. We have the lights but need to make some electrical changes. We're waiting for the posts to be mounted in the parking lot.
- In regards to the roofing project, the insurance company is sending a check for repairs for recent damage but we don't know the amount of the check. Our representative is still working on a settlement for the poorly installed roof.
- George Popp has willed approximately 2 1/2 acres of land to the church. Before accepting the land one of the things we need to know is if there are any restrictions on the land.

- The kitchen sanitizer replacement project is on hold because of the lack of time. Installers need a window of opportunity to rearrange the kitchen to install a proper dishwasher. As the project will cost over \$10,000 approval is required at a church conference.
- Heritage Christian Services is waiting on state compliance regulations so the project is delayed approximately 3 months.

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- A written complaint was submitted to this committee by Nancy Miller requesting that, as the chairs in the sanctuary are in such poor condition and also many people prefer the pews over the chairs, the pews should be put back. Cindy made a motion to replace the third and fourth rows of chairs with pews and Lynn seconded the motion. Chris then made a motion to reconsider the first motion and it was seconded by Geoff. The motion to reconsider was not passed. Chris then made a motion there should be a policy for all committees to send requests directly to lower committees prior to coming to Leadership. Mike seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Jim made a motion to rescind the first motion which was seconded by Geoff. The motion was unanimously approved. The chairs vs pews issue has been sent to the Building and Grounds Committee.

### **Missions and Outreach**

- The Visitation Team has identified and listed the needs of shut-ins to make sure they are cared for.
- Fundraisers were proposed to raise funds for the Guatemala mission trip (August 5-12) including a Mardi Gras celebration, daycare fundraisers, a formal tea and selling tee shirts.

### **Evangelism**

- Peter, Todd and Alethea will be putting together a confirmation class.

### **Info Technology**

- Some hardware and software needs to be upgraded. The Finance Committee wants a tech package presented them for funding.

**The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 8.** Lynn will be hosting her party the same day. The hope and dreams of the church members will be discussed at the next meeting.

Submitted by:

Cindy Wallace