

Rush United Methodist Church
Leadership Committee Meeting
June 12, 2021

Present: Pastor Todd, Geoff Furman, Tanya Hunt, Cindy Wallace, Patty Weaver, Jan Corey, Lynda Wanzenreid, Erin Bills (by phone)

Guests: Leon Perkins, Rob Gruschow

The meeting was started with the sharing of joys and concerns and a prayer.

As a guest, Leon Perkins spoke about three items for our consideration:

1. Leon would like RUMC to act as a collections site for UMCOR and Red Bird. Issues discussed included: storage, deliveries, pick up, and safety. Geoff suggested putting a list of UMCOR's needs for filling the buckets on the church website. Geoff made a motion to allow UMCOR and Red Bird to use our facility as a collection site. Tanya seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.
2. Leon suggested that our trailer be donated to Rochester Refugee Resettlement (RRR) and the registration be transferred to Walt Mathias as it is mostly used for RRR. Walt will pay the registration fee and the trailer will be covered under his insurance. RUMC will continue using it (although we don't use it often). If anything happens to RRR or Walt, the ownership will revert back to RUMC. Geoff made a motion to approve the transfer under the outlined conditions, Lynda seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Leon asked to cut down two benches on the church property as they have rotted out. Geoff made a motion to have Leon do so. Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

As a guest, Rob Gruschow expressed his concern about people of our church reaching out to members to see how they are doing. He expressed a desire to see small groups start up again. The Leadership Committee felt it was a good idea. Unfortunately, the discussion disintegrated when Rob made accusations about who did or didn't make contact, and how often. Although the Leadership Committee welcomes input, Rob was asked to leave the meeting because we will not tolerate personal attacks.

Finance Committee:

1. Reports can be viewed on line at RUMC's website.
2. We haven't received Spencer's reports yet .
3. Because of the federal PPE money we are currently stable.
4. The ADD (defibrillator) pads are outdated as is the battery, Geoff moved to allow \$300 to cover these items and any repairs needed. Jan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
5. The WIFI at the church is not working very well. Geoff spoke with Bill Darron and Bill analyzed it. Bill said it isn't the network and may be the access points. It's a configuration issue for us.
6. Computers in the building are old and frequently lock up. Those in the sanctuary as well as Spencer's, Barb's and Pastor Todd's offices need to be replaced. Patty made a motion to spend \$2,000 on newly refurbish computers. Geoff seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance Committee, (continued)

7. RUMC is handicapped accessible except for an automatic door opener. Receptacles are installed but hardware needs to be ordered and installed.

SPRC:

1. There have been no applications for the Youth Pastor position. A discussion ensued about possible people in the church who might be willing and able to do the job. Geoff will discuss the situation with the participating student's mothers.
2. Pastor Todd reported that he used Jerusalem funds for providing relief to families to pay 1/2 of the tuition for two children to attend summer church camp.

Worship:

1. Leadership decided there will be one service held at 9:30 AM, starting on July 4 thru Labor September 12.
2. Bulletins and prayer cards can be found on the front station.
3. Communion will start again on July 11. The table will be in the front of the center isle.
Bread will be give using tongs and small cups will be filled with juice for people to take.
4. People must be 12 feet apart with masks on if they choose to sing.
5. All of the worship changes (1-4) were included in a motion made by Jan and seconded by Tonya. Unanimously approved.
6. Pastor Todd explained that it takes 19 people to put on a Sunday Service.
7. The church scholarship will be awarded to Ainsley Browning. Patty motioned to approve her application and it was seconded by Lynn. Unanimously approved.
8. Heritage Christian Services Day Program will be bringing about 10 people plus staff into the church to use the small conference room as their home base. This is a win-win for the program and our church as they will be performing jobs around the church and asking only for our friendship in return. It was decided through a motion by Geoff and seconded by Jan that we not charge them for the use of our building. The motion passed.

Submitted by:

Cindy Wallace

The next scheduled meeting of the Leadership Committee will be held on
September 11th at the church.

If issues requiring immediate attention arise, a meeting will be called to act upon those issues.