

Rush United Methodist Church
Leadership Meeting Notes
November 9, 2019

Present: Chris Chamot, Jim Comstock, Rev. Todd Goddard, Tanya Hunt, Linda Wanzenried, Erin Bills, Cindy Wallace

Absent: Mike Porter, Lynn Kessler, Greg Furman

Guest: Rob Gruschow

Meeting was opened with a prayer and a time for joys and concerns.

Pastor Todd played a video about communicating with people who have special needs. A discussion followed how this relates to the people participating in our program with Heritage Christian Services as well as when and how to tell our nursery school parents about this program.

The results of the 11/2/19 Church Conference were provided: results for election of Leadership positions were provided, the pastoral compensation package was approved and all annual reports were submitted.

Finance Committee - Jim Comstock

Jim provided details of the October Income/Expenses/balance sheet. The proposed budget for 2020 is \$327,804, which represents an average of \$2,751 per giving unit.

Jim reported 175 pledge cards were sent out and 57 have been returned to date.

IT Department Updates -

The IT Committee is now separate from the Building and Grounds Committee.

Pastor Todd presented the job description for the Director of Information Technology (a new, unpaid staff position) and The Leadership Committee reviewed it. Jim Comstock moved to accept the description. Six members voted to accept and there was one abstention.

There are no discretionary funds available to IT: only funds for maintaining equipment.

Building and Grounds Committee - Chris Chamot, Rob Gruschow

The plow truck was sold for \$1,000.

Issues with the budgeting and fund raising for the parking lot lighting system are being resolved. Some funding will come from the Herry Fund, some from the budget and the rest must be raised through donations.

The key card system is on track to be completed by December 31, 2019 and will be controlled by the office computer. Bill Barron has volunteered to set up the computer system.

Completion of small construction items in the new office needs to be scheduled. The Finance Committee budgeted \$2,000 to hire out the job.

Our church insurance company is balking at our roof repair claim. We are working through a third party to resolve this issue.

Our new kitchen dishwasher is valued at \$60k+. Plans are being formulated to reorganize the kitchen to install our new dishwasher.

Mission Outreach - Pastor Todd

In advance of the mission trip to Guatemala from 8/3/20 through 8/10/20, two wheel chairs and a walker have been donated and delivered.

Pastor Todd suggested a possible restaurant fund raiser to help pay some of the expenses.

Other Business

The Parsonage Open House is November 17, from 1-3 PM.

Pastor Todd will be making two presentations at Asbury Church on February 1, 2020. The first will be on Alzheimer's Disease and the second will be on Beloved Community (people with disabilities).

The Active Shooter training will take place on November 10 at 1:00 PM.

The Holy Land Pilgrimage will be 1/20/20 through 1/29/20 with an orientation meeting on 12/3/19 at 6:00 PM. The Rev. Padraic Collins-Bohrer (who has epilepsy), from Christ Church will lead our service the Sunday that Pastor Todd is in the Holy Lands.

There will be an Interfaith Disability Inclusion Weekend at our church, Saturday, February 29 - Sunday, March 1, 2020. Pastor Todd has asked the Leadership Committee to read Community for All for the next meeting.

Pastor Todd will take a personal vacation from 1/8/21 through 1/17/21

Due to Thanksgiving, The Leadership Committee's next meeting will be between services on Sunday, November 24 at 9:45.