

Leadership Council Minutes

5/23/16

Members Present: Jeff Buck, Sandy Dean, Jeff Fill, Vic Hasler, Daniel Johnston, Paula Kopko, Marge Patton, Sarah Taylor, Melissa Truelove

1. Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Sandy Dean led the meeting in the absence of Mike Womack.
3. The book titled, "I Am a Church Member" was read by the Council and discussed. The emphasis was on biblical membership and how every member has a role in the body and we must all work together. The concern that was raised in the previous meeting about people feeling pressured to read the book, was dismissed after further discussion. Everyone was in agreement that we should continue using this book as a part of New Member Orientation.
4. The minutes from the 4/25/16 meeting were approved with a motion from Paula Kopko, and it was seconded by Sarah Taylor.
5. Pastor Jeff's Report on the status of Children's Ministry:
 - Pastor Jeff and Myrna Lorenz have met and discussed the status of Children's Ministry and they agree that they are seeing some progress.
 - The summer interns will be helping Susan and freeing up some of her time so she can work on her vision for Children's Ministry.
6. Questions/concerns raised and discussed by the Council in regards to Children's Ministry:
 - Vision for Children's Ministry.
 - Communication with Children's Ministry volunteers.
 - Opportunities for improvement.
 - Summer Interns.
7. Pastor Jeff's Report on the results of General Conference:
 - Overall the results are pretty pleasing, when viewed from an orthodox/traditional perspective.
 - The results are not mainline, but more global.
 - There is a strong stance on pornography.
 - The issue of whether the United Methodist denomination should change its stance on marriage and ordination of self-avowed, practicing homosexual persons was not resolved. The Council of Bishops recommended delaying all debate and votes on human sexuality issues and having a proposed commission study the issue further.
8. The Council discussed the nature of the relationship between Mt. Auburn and Trafalgar and the following points were made:

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- The relationship isn't clear or well-planned out. What should the relationship be?
 - Trafalgar currently has approximately 80 regular attenders and averages about 45-65 attenders each week.
 - Past documents of the agreement between Mt. Auburn and Trafalgar need to be located and sent to the Council to study.
9. Daryl Siedelmann has agreed to fill the role of the Trustee Chairperson for the remainder of the year. The council agrees that this is the best plan at this time.
 10. Travis Taylor has a desire to go to a Lay Preaching Certificate School to become a Bi-Vocational Preacher. He is asking Mt. Auburn to write a letter to qualify him to be considered for this position. Mt. Auburn has already endorsed Travis in this area when he was part of the staff. A motion was made by Jeff Fill to endorse Travis to his call to ministry, and it was seconded by Marge Patton. The motion was approved, with Sarah Taylor abstaining due to her relationship with Travis.
 11. Sandy Dean closed the meeting with prayer.