

Leadership Council Minutes

7/24/17

Members Present: Jeff Buck, Sandy Dean, Jeff Fill, Vic Hasler, Paula Kopko, Marge Patton, Daryl Siedelmann, Dave Sweet, and Melissa Truelove

Special Guests: Elizabeth Blanchard, Danita Forgey, LaTheda Noonan, and Rob Stiles

1. Pastor Jeff opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Presentation of Community Ministry Grant Status
 - The team members listened to the needs of the community and considered the gifts of our congregation. They learned that there is a real deficit with life skills in the community.
 - One possible new ministry is to partner with the Salvation Army in the Pathway of Hope. The POH addresses generational poverty by increasing family stability resulting in enhanced sufficiency. The estimated cost to Mt. Auburn for this ministry is \$16,000.
 - Another possible new ministry is an Academic and Life Skills Boot Camp. This ministry would focus on academics and life skills geared towards vulnerable tween ages 10-14. This is a two-week intensive summer camp that would be held at Mt. Auburn. The facilitators and mentors would work with the youth to increase their skills in reading, science, math, as well as life skills and social development. The estimated cost for Mt. Auburn for this ministry is \$17,531.
3. Review Minutes from 6/27/17 Meeting
 - Change the wording of #4 from “Rev. Wortinger recommends” to “Rev. Wortinger recommends and Pastor Jeff implemented”.
 - A motion was made by Daryl Siedelmann to approve the minutes as amended and Marge Patton seconded the motion with all council members unanimously approving the minutes.
 - For the published version of the minutes all of #4 will be removed due to discussion of staffing issues.
4. Pastor’s Question and Answer Time
 - Pastor Jeff gave an update on staff. We are still looking for a worship leader. Candidates are being considered.
 - Jason Morris is resigning from Mt. Auburn to take a full-time position with another company. Chris Pittman has been recruited and is talking with Jason and is considering taking over the position.
 - The sound system is being worked on and training is scheduled in August.
 - Overall the finances look good. Attendance is down, particularly in the second service.

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- Pastor Jeff reviewed the vision diagram presented by Roger Ross. We need to recast and reenergize and go forward with our vision. The upcoming all church study should help with this.
5. Endowment Committee Policy Proposal
- Caution was raised about accepting real estate property (last paragraph of page 1), however the Leadership Council has the right to say no.
 - Concern was raised about the distribution of undesignated gifts valued at \$30,000 or greater being divided into thirds (1/3 to general fund, 1/3 to capital facilities fund, 1/3 to endowment fund). Why can't the Leadership Council decide based on the current need?
 - A motion was made by Daryl Siedelmann to table this policy and was seconded by Jeff Fill. Dave Sweet has agreed to write a new proposal idea for the distribution of undesignated gifts over \$30,000.