

Leadership Council Minutes

3/28/16

Members Present: George Galyean, Vic Hasler, Daniel Johnston, Marge Patton, Sarah Taylor, and Mike Womack.

1. Mike Womack opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Mike Womack presented “Discernment: A God-Centered Decision Making Process”.
The group agreed that a discernment model of making major decisions at Mt. Auburn is appropriate.
3. Minutes from previous meeting on 2/22/16 were unanimously approved after Vic Hasler motioned to adopt the minutes and Marge Patton seconded the motion.
4. Discussion of recent activities on the Top 3 Priorities.
 - a. Mike suggested that the next step for the Council will be to determine how to measure progress on the priorities and then set goals for each priority. Until we have made those determinations, we should continue to monitor the activities of the staff in the three priority areas.
 - b. The group discussed the role of the Council regarding the priorities. It was generally agreed that the Council’s role and purpose is to set the parameters in which the ministries operate. The Council, as we have currently defined our role, does not determine “how” the ministries operate or “how” they might improve/achieve their goals.
 - c. George suggested the Council should ask each ministry’s leaders and staff to propose their own goals, and the Council would review and approve. Mike proposed that the Council themselves should also make suggestions for goals.
 - d. The group discussed at length the activities being undertaken toward improvements in the Children’s ministry. There was general agreement that we should have Pastor Jeff report on this area in more detail next month.
 - e. The group discussed the activities related to the priority of increasing outreach to the community. Mike encouraged all Council members to participate in the April 23rd “Rock the Block Run/Walk”. There are different ways to participate and MTAUMC will receive funds if we have meet a threshold of participants.
 - f. Mike suggested that the priority of outreach could be thought of in two ways – reaching out to attract new members to the church, and going out into the community to serve and evangelize. There was general agreement that we want to increase both types of outreach.
5. Signs – new interior signs for the church will be installed in April. The cost is approximately \$22,500 which was below the \$25,000 budget set by the Administrative Board in 2015. The signs will be funded by Surplus funds from the Daycare which have been in a savings account since last year.

- a. Mike expressed an intent to hold informational meetings for members of the congregation wanting to know more about the work of the Council so far this year. He proposed April 10th and 17th as available dates. Mike asked for suggestions of possible times for the meetings. It was generally agreed that between Services in the Community Room is the best time. All agreed that placing some of the hospitality snacks in the meeting room will allow people to assemble sooner. Mike encouraged all Council members to attend the meetings to show support and possibly answer questions.
6. Mike presented the Community Ministry Grants program by Center for Congregation. Mike will prepare the initial application form to be ready for a vote at the April monthly Council meeting.
7. The group briefly discussed ideas for content of monthly reports from the various ministries.
8. Vic Hasler lead the closing prayer.