

## Minutes from MUMC Leadership Board Meeting, 10/01/2017

Attendees: Greg, Phil, Mary Beth, Dan, Mark, Dana, Emily, Matt

Greg opened with prayer

Devotional Time:

Opened with video showcasing the church and Dana's daughter's wedding

Emily shared a new member story and highlights of great things going on in church

Joys and concerns

### I. Approval of last meeting's minutes (8/27/17)

- Mark made a motion to approve; seconded by Mary Beth. All voted in favor.

### II. Senior pastor dialogue –

- monthly update on KO's
- Way forward coming up; important to keep congregation updated
- We need to do a good job of engaging members across the congregation
- Discussion on visioning - ask of Board to be thinking for common threads to keep top of mind.
- Communication will be coming around staffing tasks as a result of Jim coming on board.
- Manchester Academy - will have it again spring or fall next year; skipped this year because of the initiative. Question arose on the purpose of the program; answer is that it is to foster future leaders of the church.
- Charge conference Salem UMC in Ladue - Greg handed out nominations sheet and discussed topics to be covered. Emily communicated that we need to have a leadership quorum present and let Emily know after today's meeting if you cannot attend.
- 2018 retreat - options to meet on January 6th or January 20th as a team. This would take place of normal January meeting.

### III. Generosity team update –

- Next big event will be Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 Jazz gospel event in Fellowship Hall.
- Commitment Sunday is the last weekend in October

### IV. Initiatives—

- Team discussion on condition of the Youth Rooms. They need significant cleaning immediately. Discussion of how quickly we can start on renovation of that area. Phil will get with Jim on reviewing the design of the youth room.
- Greg gave feedback that based on his discussions with individuals from the congregation and the top priorities has been HVAC, Live streaming, missions, debt reduction with the lowest priority the coffee house.

### V. Finance report –

- Mark's recap. Revenues are up and expenses are down and we are well ahead of budget in terms of cash flows. Pledge gifts are 3% ahead of target and we are on track for YE
- RFP - no questions regarding fund raising policy. Dana made a motion to reaffirm the current fund raising policy Dan seconds the motion

### VI. Trustees –

- Engineering study to establish basis of design (\$2,800) in advance of the HVAC project. Found funds from previous church council endowment distribution of around \$7000 to fund this. Mark made a motion to accept; Dana seconds

### VII. Miscellaneous –

- Greg asked to invite Stephanie to November 5th meeting. Stephanie will give an update on her role and perspective on how things are going.

Dana moved to adjourn. Greg delivered prayer as we concluded.