

**Virginia Beach United Methodist Church
Church Leadership Council
January 18, 2017**

CLC Chair, Chris Everly, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present: Steve Burich, Janice Cagle, Chuck Cassidy, Chris Everly, Bart Folta, Carolyn Fried, Terry Jenkins, Kaylee Henderson, Michael Key, Beth Lantz, Heather McEntee, Benson McGlone, Fred Metz, Ken Miller, Scott Poteet, Ralph Rowley, Kristen Sheely, Jack Shephard, Amy Simpson, Michael Snow, Brenda Stahl. Also present were Laura Ezell, Joanne Griggs, and Bill Shephard

Chris Everly gave the opening devotion, with scripture from Psalms 48:14. ¹⁴ *For this God is our God forever and ever; He will be our guide even to the end.* Chris told the story of a small town that would be done away with in order to make room for a new hydroelectric power plant that would be built in its place. The residents would be forced to relocate, but not for some time. During this time, there were no improvements or repairs done to the city. This neglect made the town look uncared for, even though the residents were still living there. They had lost all faith in the future. We, on the other hand, have a bright future ahead and many great plans to put into place. Although we face some uncertainty regarding the North Wing and the Children's Ministry Director, we should not be afraid to face the future!

Chris took a few minutes to recognize the new members, calling each by name and explaining their role on CLC.

- Scott Poteet (Vice Chair)
- Bart Folta (Lay Leader)
- Amy Simpson (Associate Lay Leader)
- Ron Dyer (Finance Committee Chair)
- Jack Shephard (Youth Rep)
- Kaylee Henderson (Youth Rep)

New/On-going Projects:

17.01 Scheduling of Future Meetings- Chris informed the CLC that there are to be scheduled meetings on the third Wednesday of the following months: April, June, September, and November. The November meeting will be held in place of December's meeting, which would be really close to Christmas Day. During the off months, CLC members are to keep the third Wednesday of the month open, just in case there is a need to call a meeting.

*****A motion is brought forth to approve the scheduling of future meetings as described above. There being no discussion or opposition, the motion passes unopposed.**

17.02 Security Implementation Committee- A Security Implementation Committee was formed on October 19th with representatives from all major committees. Members include:

- Chair of Implementation Committee – Jeff Andrews (Chair of Safety & Security Team)
- Church Administrator, Ken Miller
- Trustees, Kendal Rasberry
- Church Leadership Council (CLC), Michael Key
- Second Century Committee (SCC), Rolfe Ashworth
- Staff Parish Relations (SPR), Pamula Poteet
- Committee on Finance, Phil Cockrill

17.03 Completion of VBUMC Vision Framework- Pastor Benson gave a Work Plan Update on the progress of completing the vision frame. Heather M. informed CLC that she had been using a teaser campaign approach to get the word out through emails. She will be sending emails every Monday in January explaining all areas of the vision framework. It is suggested that she put up posters to urge congregation members to check their email for that information. For those without email, they will receive the information via a printed copy to their home or Sunday school class.

Benson then presented the Powerpoint presentation, showing all of the work that had been done by the Executive Committee with the help of the Ministry Directors (see attached). VBUMC has become too dependent on the staff for ministry related items. Ideally, the staff would serve more of an administrative type role, but the lay people of the church would be the “faces”. The MD’s should be more like “cheerleaders” instead of doing the majority of the work themselves.

There will be a LIFE group leaders huddle on January 29th, where training and expansion plans will take place. The 25:40 Committee, headed by Charlie Greiner, will be putting together a variety of workshops that will lead to great connection opportunities. On April 29th, a Stop Hunger Now fund raising event will be held, giving the church a great goal to work toward during Lent.

On February 3rd, a meeting will be held to discuss “What does the church mean to young families and older adults?” They will discuss what they can do to support each other, stressing the importance of connecting the generations. The meeting will be held from 10:00-12:00. There is going to be a big push toward a fully lay led Vacation Bible School. VBS has declined in recent years, and there is a great need to turn it around.

A LOT of work has been put into the vision planning, and it should be communicated directly to the congregation. It is suggested that the Powerpoint presentation that Benson presented should be included on the website.

Administrative Reports and Other Business:

- 17.04 Stewardship- Beth Lantz gave the report on Stewardship. Due to scheduling conflicts, meetings haven't been held so far this year. The Committee received great news from Ken M.! The church has received 329 estimates of giving cards totaling \$1,243,265, or 71% of the total budget. Stewardship Sunday will be held October 25th.
- 17.05 SPR-. In Tracy M.'s absence, Chris E. presented on behalf of SPR. They currently have several projects in motion. They are currently taking applications for organists, but it has been difficult finding qualified individuals. SPR is also working on various job descriptions for other positions.
- 17.06 Finance- Joanne Griggs gave a report on behalf of Finance. We had a fabulous December! \$292K was received, which was \$38K more than last year- we are now in the black for the year. Receipts are about \$34K less than budgeted, but expenses are about \$46K less than anticipated. Overall, we are about \$45K in the black, which is \$13K higher than anticipated. We always need a little more cushion during the winter months, and expenses will be closely monitored.
- 17.07 Trustees- In Oral L.'s absence, Chris E. presented on behalf of Trustees. The only item of note was that the Security Implementation Committee has been formed and will be meeting next month.
- 17.08 Second Century Committee- Terry Jenkins gave a report on behalf of the SCC. The SCC tasked the architect, Mike Molzahn, to give layouts based on several different revenue potentials. He did the layouts, and the committee spent a lot of time studying them. At the end of one of the meetings, it was suggested to task Mike M. with producing a hybrid of renovation, where we could possibly get more "bang for our buck" using existing facilities versus total new construction. Mike M. has sent out several people to take a look at the status of the existing North Wing. The SCC is hopeful that he can come up with a good solution.
- 17.09 Capital Campaign- Pastor Ralph gave a report on behalf of the CC. They are in high gear! They have met with Dustin Cooper, who has been on site recently and will also be coming again next week. The CC has been developing leadership teams- training great people who have committed to serve on the team. They will be introduced in worship Sunday after next. There is a lot of work to produce lead gifts. The congregation's part will launch after Easter and run through Memorial Day. May 21st will serve as the First Fruits, or commitment Sunday.
- 17.10 Pastor's Report- Pastor Ralph gave the report on behalf of the pastors. Since he covered a lot of material earlier in the meeting, his only note was to thank Benson for his presentation.

There being no more business, Pastor Ralph closed the meeting in prayer at 8:20.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Key, Secretary