

**Virginia Beach United Methodist Church
Church Leadership Council
November 18, 2015**

CLC Chair, Doug Knapp, called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Those present: Dick Andrews, Janice Cagle, Chuck Cassidy, Chris Everly, Carolyn Fried, Charlie Greiner, Joanne Griggs, Terry Jenkins, Michael Key, Doug Knapp, Heather McEntee, Benson McGlone, Ken Miller, Edrie Pfeiffer, Ralph Rowley, Brenda Stahl. Also present were Rosalee Jewell, Laura Ezell, Sue Shephard, and Bill Shephard

Chris Everly gave the opening devotion, with scripture from Ephesians 5:20-“Always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” With the upcoming “feast” at Thanksgiving, we are to thank God for his many blessings! Upon opening her mother’s Bible, Chris found a beautiful, hand written prayer inside and shared it with CLC.

New/On-going Projects:

- 15.55 REACH Report- Brenda Stahl gave an update on data collected in the REACH report. At the request of CLC, Brenda added in a weekly average total to go along with the monthly average. At a large church conference, we were challenged as a church to keep track of the number of people that we are reaching, not simply the number in attendance. Brenda has also broken down attendance figures by service, and is also able to keep track of the number of Sundays people attend in a specified period of time.
- 15.56 New Church App- Heather McEntee presented the new VBUMC app for cell phones and tablets. The app makes it very easy to share happenings at VBUMC via social networks. Lots of information is available on the app including daily devotions, upcoming events, and sermon notes. The app even gives the ability to ask questions and post comments. Heather encourages us to stay tuned, as there will be new stuff added in the near future. We are asked to encourage others to download and use the app. Also, there is the capability to contribute financially on the app.
- 15.57 CLC Dates- Doug Knapp gave a report on upcoming dates for CLC meetings. Currently, CLC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. This will continue for the months of December and January, but will change thereafter. February and March will not be full meetings, but will be the Executive Committee of CLC only. The next full meeting will occur in April, and will continue quarterly moving forward.

EC meetings have been very good of late, and they are working through a variety of things. They are currently reviewing the mission and missional mandate, and are talking through those items. Once the mission and missional mandates are reviewed, EC will move forward toward establishing a “vision proper” to establish goals and a strategic plan to reach those goals. They will solidify their ideas and bring them back to the full CLC for approval.

Administrative Reports and Other Business:

- 15.58 Stewardship- Charlie Greiner gave the report on Stewardship with Ken Miller's assistance. \$1.2 million in pledges has been received thus far. 86 letters were sent out to those persons who have pledged in the past but did not do so this year. About 70% of the budget is covered from pledges.

It was suggested by Stewardship and Finance that we take 10% of the offering collected at the Christmas Eve Services and tithed it to a mission. The mission selected this year would be the Potter's House due to their current financial situation. The other 90% will go into the general fund.

A motion is brought forth to allow this 10% tithe from the Christmas Eve Services to be dedicated to the Potter's House. It receives a second, and there is no discussion. The motion passes with no opposition.

- 15.59 Finance- Joanne Griggs gave a report on behalf of Finance. Pledged giving totals \$325K and unpledged totals \$108K. Total receipts are down \$37K from budget, but expenditures are down \$41K. Because of this, there is only a \$115K deficit as opposed to the budgeted \$119K. Generally, the church runs a deficit for 10 months out of the year, and depends on strong giving during the months of November and December to make up the difference.

Potters house funds seem to be depleting quickly, more so than in previous years. Receipts for the P.H. are down as well. Financial assistance payments are now \$50, where they used to be \$75.

- 15.60 Second Century- Terry Jenkins gave a report on behalf of the SCC. There will be a yard sale held this coming Sunday- don't miss the opportunity to buy "treasures!" Terry stresses that we are to not sneak in our own stuff to the sale! SCC continues to meet. They currently have plans and renderings from the architect, and they hope to finalize things after Christmas and bring them to the congregation after the first of the year.

- 15.61 Pastor's Reports- Pastor Ralph gave the first report on behalf of the pastors. On behalf of the nominations committee, he proposed that Beth Lantz be given the position of Stewardship Chair.

A motion is brought forth for Beth Lantz to be given the position of Stewardship Chair, and it receives a second. There is no discussion, and the motion passes unopposed.

There being no more business, Pastor Ralph closed the meeting in prayer at 8:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Key, Secretary