

Virginia Beach United Methodist Church
Church Leadership Council
April 19, 2017

CLC Vice-Chair, Scott Poteet, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Those present: Janice Cagle, Chuck Cassidy, Bart Folta, Carolyn Fried, Terry Jenkins, Kaylee Henderson, Michael Key, Oral Lambert, Beth Lantz, Benson McGlone, Fred Metz, Ken Miller, Tracy Miller, Scott Poteet, Ralph Rowley, Jack Shephard, Amy Simpson, Michael Snow, Brenda Stahl. Also present were Ron Dyer, Rosalee Jewell, Sue Shephard, and Bill Shephard

Scott Poteet gave the opening devotion, referencing the Capital Campaign Pocket Devotional. The scripture was from Numbers 13:27-28: ²⁷ *They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.* It is easy for doubt to creep in when thinking of a building campaign- "We're doing what? How can we have a stewardship campaign in this economy?" These are the same type of questions that Moses likely faced. The issue is the same- faith or fear? Our tempter likes to put fear into our minds, but thankfully he isn't the only voice! The One on which we depend on and listen to teaches us faith. In church committees, there are two types of committees- "Back to Egypt" or "Into the Promise Land." We are the Promise Land Committee! Scott reminded CLC that the devotional is available on the church app and will also be handed out on Sunday. Scott closed the devotion in prayer.

Seaside Proposal- Michael Key gave a summary of the Seaside proposal that was presented and voted on via email. In that proposal, Seaside school had asked to extend the school program beyond the Fall and Spring academic year, asking for a summer term. Seaside had previously received approval from Finance and the CLC Executive Committee. The proposal was presented and received 20 "YES" votes. The motion was approved.

Future CLC Meetings- CLC will continue to meet quarterly on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in June and September. The last meeting is scheduled for November 29 in lieu of a December date. The CLC EC will continue to meet monthly, but the larger CLC will only meet in between scheduled meetings if necessary. If needed, voting via email may also occur.

New/On-going Projects:

17.12 Consideration of Dave Moore, Sr. as a Class of 2019 Member of the Foundation Committee- in Phil Cockrill's absence, Ken Miller asked CLC to consider adding Dave Moore to the Foundation Committee. Currently the Foundation is 2 members shy of a full complement, and Dave has agreed to come on board and serve as the Vice Chairman.

*****A motion is brought forth to allow Dave Moore to become a member of the Foundation Committee. The motion receives a second.**

When the motion is discussed, Pastor Ralph notes that these type recommendations usually go through the Nominations Committee- this one did not. He also noted that the Foundation bylaws say that members are allowed to serve a maximum of two- 3 year terms before rotating off. Since Dave recently rotated off, he may not be eligible to return. Ralph also said that there were others that would've continued to serve, but weren't allowed to do so because of the bylaw restriction. He recommended that unless there is urgency with the matter, to table the motion for now. If Dave receives the nomination after the proper procedure, then it could be voted on through CLC via email.

*****A motion is made to table the initial motion and send the recommendation to the Nominations Committee. This motion to table receives a second and passes unopposed.**

17.13 Updated on VBUMC Vision Framework- Pastor Benson gave an update on the progress of completing the vision frame. Benson presented a Powerpoint presentation showing the work that has been done by the Executive Committee with the help of the Ministry Directors (see attached)

One item missing from the Powerpoint presentation is a meeting with the Stephen Ministry leaders. They discussed a need to strengthen congregational care as a whole across the church. Benson will be working with Chris and the SM leaders, and will present their findings at the appropriate time.

Highlights of the Powerpoint included: proposed 5:00 p.m. meeting time for a new service on Sunday; Breakfast at the Manger having 300 in attendance and being predominantly lay lead; CBC kids being given the opportunity to participate in mission projects; Boy Scouts helping to bring in parent participation; and identification of things that we as a church are already doing, but retooling them to reach more people.

Administrative Reports and Other Business:

17.14 SPR- Tracy Miller gave a report on behalf of SPR. They are in the second round of interviews for the Children's Ministry Director. They are also starting to interview for a new organist. On June 11, there will be a farewell reception held for Ralph and Marcia after the 11:00 worship service- all are encouraged to attend to show appreciation to Ralph and Marcia!

17.15 Finance- Ron Dyer gave a report on behalf of Finance in Joanne G.'s absence. We had a great March! The amount given was \$20-30K more than anticipated. We are "looking cautiously" at a surplus, given that we are only \$40K short of budgeted receipts at this time. This is more of a positive deficit than in years past. Personnel expenses are down \$57K due to "vacancy savings." April is anticipated to be a great month as well due to an extra Sunday of giving. The budget will be presented in June, and it has come along very well to this point!

17.16 REACH Report- Brenda S. gave the quarterly REACH report. This is to get a sense of how attendance numbers compare to previous years. The REACH report also differentiates between usher counts and Shelby counts. In order to get a good sense of how many different people we are actually ministering to consistently, the REACH numbers are presented on a 6 week basis. One question that is raised is how the church could better

utilize the fellowship hall, helping to “intergenerationalize” the congregation. Also, it might be a good idea to log data collected from events like the Easter Egg Hunt.

- 17.17 Trustees- Oral Lambert gave a report on behalf of the Trustees. There is a committee that has been working on the sound problems in the sanctuary. A consultant came in February, and walked around during all 3 services. He has since submitted his report to the committee, recommending that we replace the sound control mechanism in the sound room so that it can be controlled remotely using an iPad. This would allow the sound technician to make adjustments outside the sound booth. We should start to see improvements in the sound system soon. There is also a plan to get rid of monitor speakers used during worship and replace them with headsets.
- 17.18 Second Century Committee- Terry Jenkins gave a report on behalf of the SCC. Two Town Hall meetings were held informing the congregation of the building project. Mike Molzahn reviewed option H upon recommendation from SCC, and approx. 120 people attended. There were questions raised about having adequate storage, especially on the first floor- there will be a committee formed to explore. There was also a concern with the size and capability of the proposed kitchen. There will be a group of kitchen experts (from within the congregation) assembled in order to look at that issue further. There is also a concern about having adequate space for adult classrooms. The SCC is confident that they do, but they will confirm that concern.

One last group will be formed to look at how the church will operate logistically during construction. During this time, the church will be without a fellowship hall, youth wing, and Sunday school classes. We will have to address those needs and remain flexible to make it work. The SCC should have a final idea on the capital campaign in 6 weeks, and then can make changes to the building plans if need be. Given that it's always a challenge on how to spread information to a large congregation, Heather M. has worked really hard to highlight the capital campaign and the work of the SCC. All of the information has been uploaded to the website, or those needed information can be directly referred to SCC members.

There was some confusion with some of the meeting minutes from previous months. There was some clarification requested regarding the Potter's House renovation and the 10% of capital campaign funds designated for missions. Pastor Benson and Terry Jenkins explained both of these issues, and Fred Metz will follow up with Charlie Greiner to discuss the issues further.

- 17.19 Pastor's Report- Pastor Ralph gave the report on behalf of the pastors. Bishop Lewis will be here on June 3. During her stay, the morning will be devoted to clergy from our district, worship will be then be held, and lunch will follow worship. The afternoon will be devoted to meeting with laity. If you are interested in representing VBUMC, Ralph can point you in the right direction. We are looking to have 5+ people represent VBUMC to meet our new Bishop and meet with other laity.

The upcoming weeks will be busy with transitional issues. Given that PR's new church gives a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage, he and Marcia are house hunting for the first time. Tomorrow and Friday PR will be attending a Continuing Education event for senior clergy going into/remaining in large congregations. He and Marcia will be vacationing in mid-May, and are looking at an official move date of June 28. This is a week earlier than normal,

but will be positive in that it will free up the parsonage a week early as well as offer cost savings in moving expenses. This week will also work better for Marcia's treatment schedule.

PR has been devoting a lot of time to the capital campaign, and has been hearing good things from Doug Wilbourne. Gatherings have already been held for lead gifts in order to get some good momentum going for the campaign. April 29, 30, and May 1 are dates set for Advanced Commitment gatherings. In order to keep the momentum going after the lead gifts, this is a chance for folks to get their gifts in early. This will also serve to give a sense of confidence for smaller gift givers. May 21st is Commitment Sunday, and lots of information will be forthcoming about that event. PR encouraged us to be in constant prayer about the Capital Campaign, using the available devotional booklet. Let God work in our hearts, and be ready to answer the question, "Lord, what do You want to do through me?" Whatever size the donation, we can be at peace.

The church wide Easter Egg Hunt was a great success! There was an excellent turn out of both children and adults, and was enjoyed by everyone who participated. This is another event where it was predominantly lay led, and special thanks are to be given to Chris Everly for her work on it- thanks Chris!

There being no more business, Pastor Ralph closed the meeting in prayer at 9:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Key, Secretary