

**Virginia Beach United Methodist Church**  
**Church Leadership Council**  
**June 15, 2016**

CLC Chair, Doug Knapp, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Those present: Steve Burich, Janice Cagle, Chuck Cassidy, Jacob Davis, Chris Everly, Carolyn Fried, Joanne Griggs, Terry Jenkins, Michael Key, Doug Knapp, Oral Lambert, Heather McEntee, Benson McGlone, Fred Metz, Ken Miller, Lisa Miller, Tracy Miller, Edrie Pfeiffer, Ralph Rowley, Brenda Stahl. Also present were Laura Ezell, John Simpson, and Lecettie Simpson

Chris Everly gave the opening devotion, with scripture from 1Timothy 6:7. *For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.* Since the budget is on the agenda for this evening, Chris thought it would be appropriate to base the devotion the importance of investing in the kingdom. While the Great Pyramids of Egypt are vast in size, they weren't meant for Earthly use- they are structures that were made for death. This in an important concept, because accomplishments in the flesh have little to no meaning in comparison with our life in eternity. We are to look to life by putting our faith in Jesus, investing in eternity!

Given that it has been a while since the last meeting, Doug led a round-table self-introduction of all of those present and their roles on CLC. Visitors were also introduced.

**New/On-going Projects:**

16.14 Seaside School Update- The current enrollment for the fall term for Seaside School currently sits at 45. In addition, 3 more students have been registered, but are due to pay the registration fee later this month to make them official.

16.15 Seaside School Advisory Committee Nominations- Ralph informed the CLC that the Advisory Committee has been formed for Seaside School. He reminded CLC members that the role of this committee would be to meet quarterly to discuss issues that arise within the school. Those persons presented to CLC from Nominations include: Jamison Rasberry, Sue Shephard, MacKenzie Robinson, Tim Miller, and Ashley Puvogel. Ex-Officio members will include Emily Ruppert (Director of Children's Ministries) and Heidi Beauchaine (Director of Seaside School).

**\*\*\*A motion is brought forth by Pastor Ralph on behalf of the Nominations Committee, asking that these persons be officially elected. It receives a second, and the motion passes unopposed.**

16.16 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.

Some of our members need encouragement for filling out the attendance sheets, as it really helps out in planning. Heather M. will insert something into the weekly email and Open Door publications as a reminder of their importance.

- 16.17 2016-2017 Budget Presentation- Joanne G. gave the initial report on the budget. The process started in February, and involved the pastors and all the ministry directors. Finance was given the needs of all ministry areas, and they are all indicated as line items. The budget was presented to the Finance Committee in May, and the final version was finished in June.

The budget presentation was given by Ken Miller, and each page of the report was explained and questions were answered.

**\*\*\*A motion is brought forth on behalf of the Finance Committee, asking that the budget be accepted by CLC. It receives a second, and the motion passes unopposed.**

### **Administrative Reports and Other Business:**

- 16.18 Stewardship- Beth Lantz gave the report on Stewardship. As we near the end of the fiscal year, it is important that we fulfill our pledge!
- 16.19 SPR- Tracy M. gave the report on behalf of SPR. VBUMC is losing our child care coordinator Alicia Kelley to marriage, but her replacement has already been named- Esther Whitesell. She will overlap for one week with Alicia to ease in the transition.
- 16.20 Finance- Joanne G. gave the report on Finance. Although there was an anticipated shortfall of \$88K, we are \$26K in the black! She is very pleased to announce that receipts have been coming in very well, and expenses have been held down. Seaside is currently running a deficit, but hopefully the newly formed Advisory Committee will turn that around for the next school year. The AC will meet regularly and will report to CLC.
- 16.21 Trustees- Oral L. reported on behalf of the Trustees. The roof on the north wing will be replaced on Monday, and should take 3-4 days. The hot water heater in the kitchen died, but it was replaced today. The problem with the AC on the second floor in the north wing has been identified, but we are still waiting on the part to fix it.
- 16.22 Second Century Committee- Terry J. reported on behalf of the SCC. The building plans were presented to the congregation, and were well received. The next steps will become more specific in regards to planning. One of the next steps will be to bring in Horizon Stewardship Company to do a feasibility study. It will determine if we are spiritually and financially ready to take on a building project. It will be done in 3 "prongs," with the first step dealing with research and data gathering. They will be looking at attendance and giving trends. Heather M. will also be putting together an online survey. There will also be 30 minute interviews conducted in mid-July with a cross section of the congregation, and the findings will be reported to the pastors and SCC. Note: If someone should like to be heard that is not in the group to be interviewed, an open session of interviews will take place.

The Nominating Committee was asked to put together a Capital Campaign Feasibility committee that would likely become a Capital Campaign committee. The names are: Doug Wilbourne, Fred Metz, Charlie Greiner, Lisa Miller, Tommy Drew, and Carolyn Fried. The suggested chair for the group is Doug W.

**\*\*\*A motion is brought forth to accept the nominations for the committee as read. It receives a second, and the motion passes unopposed.**

16.23 Pastor's Reports- Pastor Benson gave the first report on behalf of the pastors. He is pleased to announce that more LIFE groups, spearheaded by Brenda Stahl and Jeff Andrews, will be launching church-wide. There have been 15 new ones formed, and more could be added as well. Benson is working with several committees to create a long-term plan for urban ministry and missions. We will continue to develop good relationships with the city to establish better cohesion with all of the projects that are currently happening. Benson is happy to report that a dishwasher and dehumidifiers have been added to his house, and he is very appreciative!

Ralph said a special thank you for all of those who were involved with the budget process- the report was first class! He and Benson are about to begin a "Faith at the Beach" summer sermon series in which discussions involving anchors, sharks, lifesaving, fishing, etc. will be presented- items that are common to our life here at the beach. Due to summer attendance, each sermon is stand-alone, but woven together in the end.

Ralph also presented the title of the fall sermon series, "5 Commitments That Will Change Your Life"- it will span 8 weeks. He encourages us to be regular in our own attendance, and to invite someone to church with us. There will be a Ministry Fair on display in the Fellowship Hall. People will be invited to go from worship into the FH, where "live" people will be behind displays highlighting all of the ministries of the church. The last of the 5 Commitments will be based on giving, and will coincide with Stewardship Sunday on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

Ralph then gave an update on Marcia's health. Following 6 months of chemo, it has been discovered that she has 4 new cancers that she did not have before. These cancers are treatable, but not curable. She and Ralph will be looking into what other alternative treatments might be available. Marcia started a new chemo regimen today which will last for 3 days. She will then take a break from chemo to avoid a drop in her white blood cell count. After the second treatment, she will go back to UVA for an evaluation. If it is working, it is possible that surgery might be an option. Due to the uncertain road ahead, he asks that CLC keep them both in your prayers.

There being no more business, Pastor Ralph closed the meeting in prayer at 9:10.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Key, Secretary