

Virginia Beach United Methodist Church
Church Leadership Council
June 21, 2017

CLC Chair, Chris Everly, called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Those present: Steve Burich, Janice Cagle, Ron Dyer, Chris Everly, Bart Folta, Terry Jenkins, Kaylee Henderson, Michael Key, Oral Lambert, Beth Lantz, Fred Metz, Ken Miller, Tracy Miller, Jack Shephard, Brenda Stahl. Also present were Lee Entsminger, Lisa Shephard, and Bill Shephard

In Scott Poteet's absence, Chris Everly gave the opening devotion, referencing Adam Hamilton's book, *The Call*. This particular devotion was devoted to the importance of leaders in the church. It tells of Paul and Barnabas returning to the cities where they had previously preached the gospel, even though they had been tortured and asked to leave. They thought it important to return....²² *They strengthened the souls of the disciples and encouraged them to continue in the faith, saying, "It is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God."* ²² *And after they had appointed elders for them in each church, with prayer and fasting they entrusted them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.* (Acts 14: 22-23) Paul is organizing his church so that they will be able to continue after his departure- an important step in creating enduring communities of faith. After all, it is "generally only as believers organize that they become functioning communities and have a lasting impact." The devotion also references John Wesley and his companion George Whitefield. While Whitefield was likely the better preacher, Wesley better organized his converts into classes, preserving the fruits of his labor.

New/On-going Projects:

17.20 Stephen Ministry Report- CLC welcomed a special guest, Lee Entsminger, to speak on behalf of the Stephen Ministry. Lee briefly summarized the SM concept, and expressed a concern that the ministry wasn't included in the church's new vision/mission. It was then explained that the vision/mission are larger concepts, and that just because individual ministries aren't called out in it (SM, Holy Yoga, MOPS, etc.), that doesn't mean that they won't exist in the future. It was then brought out that the structure on Missions underwent a significant change during Preacher Ted's tenure. It is noted that the area of congregational care still falls under the senior pastor. Ralph believed that congregational care was one of those ministries that didn't have a strong system in place, and Lee is urged to meet with Pastor Mark upon his arrival to discuss future strategies. Lee is also urged to continue working with Heather M. to increase the visibility and benefits of Stephen Ministry.

17.21 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. The report is broken down by services, reporting the attendance based on age and the number of services attended by active members and prospects in that time period. It is noted that usher counts are approximately 27% higher than those counts in Shelby.

Administrative Reports and Other Business:

- 17.22 Stewardship- Beth Lantz gave a report on behalf of Stewardship. Everything is going just fine! We are anxiously awaiting Mark's arrival, and greatly look forward to his new ideas.
- 17.23 SPR- Tracy Miller gave a report on behalf of SPR. Crystal Colohan has been hired as the new Director of Children's Ministry. There will be a welcome reception for our new pastors and their wives on July 2 following the 11:00 service. On July 30, there will be a celebration reception for Wanda Tyner. She will also be recognized during worship for her long outstanding service as organist. Her family will all be in attendance, so please plan to come! SPR is in the process of interviewing organists, but wants to wait for the new pastors to arrive so that they may have a say in the process.
- 17.24 Finance- Ron Dyer gave a presentation on behalf of Finance. Thus far, we have taken in a total of \$1.5M. Combined with "other giving", that total comes to \$1.539M. While that is \$71K less than budget, expenses have been \$125K less which leads to a current surplus of \$57,766. It is anticipated that we will end the year with a \$10-15K surplus. Ron pointed out that Seaside School has had a dramatic turnaround. Starting with a negative balance a year ago, the school is now \$17K ahead, and projections look very favorable for the summer/fall.
- 17.25 Budget Presentation- Ken Miller gave a presentation on the budget proposal for 2017-18. While the presentation is very thorough, it is noted that each line item in the budget has at least one page dedicated to it in a more detailed report compiled by himself and Dusty. After the budget presentation, it is noted that all ministry directors should submit a "wish list" so that these may be considered in the future.

*****A motion is given by Fred Metz to accept the budget for 2017-18 as presented, and it receives a second by Bart Folta. There is no discussion, and the motion passes unopposed.**

- 17.26 Second Century Committee- Terry Jenkins gave a report on behalf of the SCC. The congregation has endorsed the SCC to work on "Option H," and the capital campaign has concluded. There is a \$1M gap between the anticipated cost and the capital campaign pledges received (also includes funds received in the previous campaign). SCC has begun talking about the next step, and that is to get HBA to produce a more detailed set of drawings. Since this will require more funds, it is suggested that a presentation be made to the congregation in July to gain approval to move forward. The format and date will be determined after Terry speaks with Pastor Mark. In addition to congregational approval, the district must approve the building process as well, and plans have already begun for that approval process.

Ron Dyer then spoke for a few minutes about the detailed financial status of the campaign, looking at the next 3 years in depth. Given the pledges received and the money in the bank from the previous campaign, we are in a very positive situation. He presented a document showing the cash flow for the project over the next 3 years. Although we will need a construction loan of about \$1.2 million, by the end of the three year period, he is anticipating being in the negative by \$176K. However, given that we have reserves of over \$400K+, there is a good chance that we could do the construction without having to take out a permanent loan.

*****A motion is made to endorse the plan of having a congregational presentation in July to allow the SCC to continue moving forward, having Mike M. (HBA) produce more detailed drawings. It receives a second, and passes unopposed.**

17.27 Trustees- Michael Key gave the Trustee report on behalf of Oral Lambert. On June 13, a contract was awarded to ONYX Audio Visual to provide and install audio equipment to correct the sound problems in the sanctuary. The project includes replacement of the sound board mixer, the addition of remote control access to the sound system using an iPad, elimination of the large black monitors on the floor, and also includes an annual service and maintenance agreement. This concludes the A/V upgrades, which included the installation of the large projection screens.

During June's meeting, the Trustees were briefed by Trish Wilbourne and Tina Gimlin on the state of the pipe organ in the sanctuary. Trish has led a research effort to compile documents and information about the organ since its installation in 1984. Her work will aid in maintenance planning for this important part of the church music program.

Lastly, the Trustees conducted an annual inspection and inventory of the two church parsonages per the requirements of the Discipline. A report was compiled and submitted to the District Superintendents office prior to the June 1st deadline.

17.28 Annual Conference Report- Bart Folta gave a brief report on the UMC Annual Conference. The new District Superintendent seems to be bringing a breath of fresh air, and representatives from our church had a nice meal with the new pastors.

There being no more business, Bart Folta closed the meeting in prayer at 9:11.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Key, Secretary