

Virginia Beach United Methodist Church
Church Leadership Council
January 16, 2019

CLC Chair, Scott Poteet, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present: Amy Arrington, Steve Burich, Chuck Cassidy, Ron Dyer, Terry Jenkins, Oral Lambert, Fred Metz, Mark Miller, Edrie Pfeiffer, Scott Poteet, Jack Shephard, Amy Simpson, Brenda Stahl, Kim Whitley, Heyden Wittmann, Martha Jo Wilson, Beth Lantz

The devotion this evening was given by Edrie Pfeiffer and focused on Hebrews 4:12. *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.* Edrie read a piece titled: Am I Listening to God's voice. The principle idea is that everyone has the ability to hear from God and this is not just for people in ministry, but all; parents, teachers, students, nurses, doctors, plumbers, etc. anyone who believes, should be listening to God and His direction for their life.

The meeting opened with an update from Venture Realty on the status of the Dome site developments. The update was given by Bruce Berlin, and Mike Culpeper Managing Partners of Venture Realty.

Mike Culpepper began with an overview of the last two years of this project. Beginning in January 2017, Venture realty submitted qualifications to the city to include an entertainment venue and a surf park. They were then selected and approved by city council. A term sheet was approved by the city council on January 15, 2019. The project is to include a wave garden surf pool with green space adjacent to the wave pool, a dome music venue space, programming to include commercial property with retail, restaurants and condo style housing. The term sheet has two main components for the city's investment. Component 1: The city will acquire and own assets to include the music venue, and parking. Component 2: Revenues that are generated will be reinvested back to the project over the next 20 years. The next steps include a meeting on Friday to discuss parking for this venture. They will also need to complete a much more detailed term sheet and they are required to obtain a development agreement with all components needed and completed by June.

The projected space will include 7 floors of parking and 6 floors of retail/office space. The parking will include a dedicated entrance to 58 spaces for the church with additional parking for the church on other floors. At this point in time they do not have all of their private financial backing in place.

New/On-going Projects:

19.1 Pastor's Report: Pastor Mark Miller gave a report on behalf of the pastors and staff. Mark has asked the staff to think about how to equip people to live with passion, power and purpose in a

relationship with Jesus Christ. Staff were asked to think about how attractive environments and excellent experiences can equip people with passion, power and purpose.

Mark also reminded CLC that people usually come in three types of perspectives. These perspectives include, visionary thinkers, systematic thinkers and relationship thinkers. All types of thinkers are good, but each perspective will see and do things differently from the other perspective and that is o.k., and welcomed.

Mark reminded CLC that Next System Innovations will be coming. The pastor and a small team are attending meetings and reading books to learn this new project. A ministry focus event will occur, May 16. Next System Innovations, (also known as NLI) , members will visit VBUMC and will lead us through a process of surveying our church and gathering data to prepare for our big NLI weekend on Sept. 28-30. NLI will meet with staff and different constituency groups in the church. The meetings and surveys are designed to discover where we see ourselves as a church and where we see the Holy Spirit leading us. At the Sunday service in September, NLI will reveal the 3 - 5 strategic initiatives. If we decide we want to work on these initiatives, they will assign a coach to work with us. Between now and September, they will send a team to the church to come as visitors and assess the church on several different areas.

Mark also stated that at the end of February, the UMC General Conference will review and discuss a way forward concerning ordination of gay ministers and marriage between same sex couples.

Mark reminded CLC about our Breakthrough Prayer team initiative, more ideas and information will be forthcoming from Brenda Stahl and her team.

Administrative Reports and Other Business:

19.2 Mission and Outreach Charlie Greiner gave a report on behalf of the Mission and Outreach Committee. The committee held a retreat and developed the purpose as they move forward.

It was determined that the missional purpose is to put a focus on missional activity to include the working poor with dependent children as the main focus. The committee determined that they want to help the working poor to thrive not just survive and help people move upward into better lives. The committee also want to engage more people in the congregation to work on these objectives. How will this look in five years; one idea is we will become more actively engaged with the working poor to help them find a pathway for a better life and to encourage joining our church. The committee will develop programs that focus on the family. They expect to have an expanded CBC in the next five years and they will encourage programming that will keep a focus on spiritual health. The mission team will be looking for areas for many more people to volunteer. They will design mission programs with the volunteers timeline in mind. They will work with Housing Resource Center to collaborate programming.

How do we get there: the key to get there is committed volunteers that want to see their lives transformed by volunteering to help others grow and thrive.

Mission Grants program will be announced in February details will be forthcoming and will be on the website by the end of January.

19.3 REACH report Brenda Stahl reported that average attendance is up at the 8:00 and 9:30 services. The 11:00 service is down slightly. She also reported that numbers were up for Christmas Eve services this year, except for the 4:30 family style worship service.

19.4 Staff Parish Relations: Heyden Wittman gave a report on behalf of the SPR committee. We have several staff additions: our new children's Director is Jodi Fox, our new Audio Visual Technician is Jesse Roux and our new Communications Director is Reesy Floyd-Thompson. Heyden reported that we now have a full staff. Emily Gimlin has been our interim communications person. Emily will continue working for the next 3 months on a special project on data and systems management.

19.5 Finance Committee: Ron Dyer gave a report on behalf of the Finance Committee. He reported that December had receipts of \$281,000.

For the past six months our receipts have totaled \$899,000. These numbers are tracking closely to last year at this time. However expenses are up due to HVAC repairs, roof repairs and utilities due to a water leak that was recently discovered.

At this point in time we have a surplus of \$53,000. Over the next six months finances will be looked at on a monthly basis to aid in our fiscal financial decisions.

19.6 Stewardship Committee: Beth Lantz reported on behalf of the Stewardship Committee. As of January 15, 2019, 270 pledges have been received for a total of \$1,257,829 of pledged giving.

19.7 Trustees: Oral Lambert reported on behalf of the Trustees. Trustees closed on the property located on 17th and Pacific. The Trustees would like to thank the benefactors for this wonderful gift to the church. As of right now, Trustees will look at city regulations for use of this property for temporary parking and or temporary equipment and materials needed for construction.

Trustees are in the process of negotiating a new lease with the Dominos property.

HVAC has been ordered for South wing for \$509,483.00

Finally, Trustees along with staff are working on moving space allocations and material as we begin to move forward for the new building project.

19.8 Second Century: Terry Jenkins reported on behalf of of the Second Century Committee. Construction is underway on 2nd floor. This is projected to be completed around March 1. Terry Jenkins, Harry Davis and Steve Lantz meet weekly with the contractor to conduct weekly coordination meetings.

Demolitions should began on the North wing directly after completion of the 2nd floor project

Final pricing for the north wing is due by January 28th.

A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for February 19th at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will include our architects.

_19.9 New Business:

Motions brought to CLC:

Two motions were brought to CLC

1. The Church Leadership Council is the governing body of Virginia Beach United Methodist Church. While staff members may be designated by the Senior Pastor to serve on the CLC, staff members serve as subject matter experts but do not vote on CLC action items.

Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

A second motion was brought to CLC to amend Seaside School ByLaws. The motion has two components listed below.

1. The Board recommends the Bylaws reflect the previously approved change in reporting structure in which the Director now reports to the Executive Director. (Formerly the Director of Children's Ministry).
2. The Board recommends the Bylaws reflect the restructuring of two positions in order to provide improved administrative coverage and more fully respond to state licensure requirements for preschool.

Motion was seconded and the vote was unanimous.

There being no more business, Pastor Mark closed the meeting in prayer at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Lantz, Secretary