

Lindenwood Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2015

Attendees: Pastor Law, Bill Dancer, Robyn Calloway, Chris Luhrs, Anna Hough, Emily Duke, Richard Fisher, Linda Craig, Phil Vaughn, Kristen Lamer, Lynn Pleasants, Morgan Parks, Alan Wells

Absent: Dallas Minner, Jerry Cox

Special Speaker, Bob Hill recently retired from Community church shared with us. He says success is defined by mission. He says we should be adding one to two small groups every year. He believes we should have ten new occasional events per year but not necessarily repeated every year. He calls for lively worship. An art gallery space is an option for bringing in more of the community. Welcome outside groups to use the space. Where is our sense of thriving?

Minister Report: Pastor Law technical problems. A couple of new small groups and members have joined. Westy's for Thanksgiving had a great turn-out. January 31st will be celebration Sunday. Christmas concert on 12/13/15 and three Christmas Eve services. Each leader to find three leaders to invest in and empower to grow leadership in the church. In first of the year in January 13-February 10th we are having an emerging leadership study on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30. February 17th to March 23rd Morgan will lead a spiritual study. Our seed year is 2016. Root year 2017. Fruit year 2018. We had a staff appreciation dinner for church staff, day care staff, and family life center for Thanksgiving. Quarterly staff get together to bring those together.

Elder's Report: Anna Hough reported.

A Christmas Open House for Elders was held at Cheryl and Walt Mannings home, on December 12th, in lieu of our monthly joint meeting with the Deacons.

Our next meeting will be joint breakfast meeting with Deacons on January 9, 2016 at 8:30am in Stauffer Hall.

We did memorials for Selma White, Gloria McCain, Mary Pleasants, and Mickey Meridith. Several elders visited Maxine McCoy on December 3rd to help celebrate her 100th birthday. David Wayne Brown arranged for a photographer from the Commercial appeal to be there and an article appeared in the Commercial Appeal.

Christmas cards are being sent to our Home Bound members.

Our prayer list continues to grow, praying for all on the church's weekly prayer list and adding Maxine McCoy, Harold Goodwin, Harold Cloud, Helen Ross, Rob Mitchell, Rena Manning, Dorothy Thomas, Fred & Katherine Boone, Jack and Dottie Blake, Kyle Creson, Janice Joyce, Sharon and Ray Hodge, Leanne Austin, and Chuck Money, and all those on our prayer list.

Finance Report: Anna Hough reported. Lynn Pleasants worked with Anna this past month. November statement was reviewed. We expect December to be a giving month and that should end the year positively within plan. In February we will look at the counting process on Sunday mornings to further protect the confidentiality of the contributions that are made. Online and direct deposit giving is available for all as an alternative in the meantime.

The Budget was reviewed. The line of credit has been paid down significantly this year which was very positive. It is not the goal to pay this off. We want to keep this open in case of emergencies.

Stewardship committee: The Stewardship committee suggest we approve this budget. A motion was made by Richard Fisher that we approve the budget. It was seconded by Linda Craig.

Personnel committee: Robyn Calloway reported. Chris Luhrs has joined this group. Kristen Lamer has been helping with the insurance information that has to be put together quickly. They are offering the new program this week and this will involve more expenses. Sixteen people will be on this program. Lynn Pleasants and Robin reviewed these new expenses. IT person on staff and they are looking for this person. Maintenance tech and office assistant are also looking to be added for the 2016 budget.

Foundation committee:

Raise the Roof: The Raise the Roof campaign is going strong. \$102,000 has been committed so far.

Agenda for the Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, December 16th – Congregational Meeting at 6:30pm

- Pastor Law, prayer and powerpoint, and recognize staff
- Richard Fisher will present the raise the roof campaign.
- Nominations for Board, Elders and Deacons
- Lynn Pleasants will present the finance report. Bullet points of key budget improvements
- Emily will put the information together for the powerpoint for the meeting and send to Pastor Law
- Fellowship committee is providing desserts afterwards.

Linda made a motion to adjourn and Anna seconded this motion.

January 10th will be the next Board Meeting.