

## **Lindenwood Board Meeting March 26, 2017**

**Board Members Present:** Pastor Law, Linda Rose, Leroy Mallory, Marianne Sheridan, Kim Hunter, Anna Hough, Richard Fisher, Cindy Dando, Bill Hopper.

**Guests Present:** David Johnson, Sharon Johnson, Lynn Pleasants, Jill Westbrook, Donna Hopper

The meeting was called to order by Linda Rose at 12:25.

Pastor Law led an opening prayer.

Business involving guests was prioritized so they could leave.

### **David Johnson – Pastor Law**

Pastor Law introduced David Johnson, who shared that he will be transitioning in June to much less responsibility as he moves toward retirement. Pastor Law led a prayer for him and the members of the Board thanked him for his years of service which included taking care of the children of several of them.

### **Retained Earnings – Lynn Pleasants**

Since 2014, Lindenwood has been very aggressive in reducing expenses. This has led to an accumulation of Retained Earnings of approximately \$75,000. It was recommended that a portion of these funds be added to the current budget for designated programs and projects.

It was moved and passed unanimously that 50% of these funds (\$37,550) be added to the current budget, with half being allocated to Programs as determined by Pastor Law and half being allocated to Property and other projects as determined by Pastor Law and the Priorities Committee.

Jill Westbrook mentioned that we were fortunate to be in a more favorable financial position than many other churches.

### **Minutes – Bill Hopper**

The minutes were approved with corrections. Linda mentioned that minutes for the January, February, and March meetings needed to be forwarded to the closing attorney for the sale of the duplex at 1366/1368 Vance by the Foundation.

It was moved and passed unanimously that Linda Rose be approved, as the Chair of the Board of LWCC and its Foundation, to sign as authorized representative of the LWCC 501c3 in the sale of the property at 1366/1368 Vance, bequeathed to the LWCC Foundation by the Ovid Johnson Estate.

### **Finance Report – Anna Hough**

Member contributions and receipts are both down from last month, but we are still in the black for the month.

### **Worship Report – Anna Hough**

As of this morning, the organ refurbishment fund stood at \$19,337. The CWF will be donating \$5,000 to the fund, bringing us to within \$400 of the target amount.

Good Friday is a community service, and we are invited to Kingsway Christian Church on Maundy Thursday.

Easter and Mother's Day are coming up, and the Worship Committee will meet next week.

### **Elder's Report – Cindy Dando**

Attendance is up. The Elders are working on Shepherding Teams who will help track attendance by members of their flock and follow up when appropriate. There was an Elder's meeting scheduled after the Board meeting.

Cindy went over the Prayer list, and mentioned some specific needs.

### **Senior Minister Report – Pastor Law**

Pastor Law commented that this is a loving church, but that we do not always share the small things that make this true. She has begun posting on Facebook about the good things happening here, and encourages others to be intentional in speaking of good things.

In the Associate Minister search, Pastor Law has had to change the reputation of LWCC.

The Next Generation search committee is casting their net wider, and are looking for a 3-5 year commitment.

Pastor Law is also working on a pastoral care system to ensure that visitation and pastoral care opportunities are not missed, especially for WOW attendees. This will be worked on at the Elder's retreat.

Wednesday evening table talks are going well with 15-20 participants per week. After Lent, Wednesday evenings will be switching gears to emphasize emerging voices. On March 29, the program will be Sacred Conversations: Faith, Race, and Church.

..Millennials are becoming more engaged, and the number of Millennial guests is increasing, but we need to create more dynamism, finding reasons to want to attend.

Peabody School will be coming for the Easter Sunday egg hunt and festivities.

The August – October Stewardship Series will be Journey With Jesus.

The donated stained glass panels will be installed in shallow backlit cabinets on the West wall of the narthex.

Pastor Law asked for prayers for the stepped-up pace of the church.

Carol Smith is recovering well and may come back to work for some half-days this coming week.

In roundtable discussion, Pastor Law mentioned that she has been on NPR a couple of times. Cindy Dando encouraged volunteering for MIFA. Kim Hunter mentioned that April 4 is Pastor Law's birthday.

Pastor Law led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.