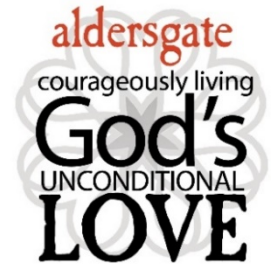


Methodist Church
Leadership Team Zoom Meeting Call
November 17, 2020



Leadership Team and Staff Members Present: Terri Phillips, Randy Orndorff, Karen Latta, Sarah Lynn Mertins, Paul Amos, Hank Henderson, Shari Van Buren, Mark Husband, Ed Little, Pandey Jansen, Caryn Souza, Vivian Baxter, Michelle Matthews, & Emily Moore-Diamond

Rachel Davis and Shaun Evans were unable to attend.

- I. Welcome and opening prayer – Paul Amos
Paul welcomed the team to the call and opened with a prayer.
- II. Strengthen the Soul of Your Leadership Intro & Chapter 1 – Emily Moore-Diamond
Emily led the Leadership Team through the first session of training.
- III. Work of the Church – Ministry Reports as needed
 - Connections – Pandey Jansen
Doughnuts & Discussions has been happening for about a month and we have core group. We will continue this through the end of December.
 - Youth Update – Vivian Baxter
Next weekend is Deck the Yard. At Youth Group we decorated the wooden trees that will be used for decorating. Ornaments are outside door 3 and ready for pickup and return to the church for decorating on November 29. Youth group will meet twice in December and will fill bags for Hypothermia and will help with Stewardship as needed.
 - Inspired – Worship, Caryn Souza (Advent & Christmas)
Volunteers have expanded for the in-person worship to double what we had previously. A schedule has been created through the end of December and we will begin again in January. Scripture reading list is set through November and will then be put together for the next 6 months.
On Sunday, November 22 we will decorate the church in areas that are used the most. For Christmas Eve, we will have a pre-recorded service at 7pm online and a 3pm drive in service. There will be minimal space for outdoor seating.
There are 4 child baptisms in December. And will pre-record several services in the next few weeks.
 - Involved – Mission & Service, Sarah Lynn Mertins
Since Sunday Suppers has ended, Julie Pfister is working with the folks at Rising Hope on ways to provide the same sort of service. ROCK is at a standstill and may not resume. Phoenix Rising is still going each month, Angel Tree will be happening again this year but in a different format. The Yamboree was a huge success and the cans will be delivered the week after Thanksgiving.
Hypothermia is off to a great start. There is a great group of volunteers that have come together to provide the breakfast bags as well as several of the dinners.

- Instructed – Education, Shari Van Buren
Nothing new or different happening at this time.
- Community Engagement – Christine Curley
The group is helping the youth with the ornaments and Deck the Yard. Virtual 5K fundraiser being planned for the spring.
- Kingstowne Update – Michelle Matthews
Michelle presented to the Leadership Team the proposed resolution that will be presented at the December 6th Charge Conference. This will be the vote to untether Kingstowne Communion from Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

IV. Church Work – Operations

- Capital Campaign Update, Terri Phillips – 88 commitments; \$605,817.50
- Finance Team Update, Ed Little
Recap was sent out to the team. This month's status is about average as we had lower revenues, however, our expenses remain lower than normal to offset the lower revenues.
Apportionments are lower going into 2021. The Conference realigned how the apportionments are determined and we have not been able to get an answer on this from the conference treasurer office.
Shepherd Hall giving is a lower in the month of October.
Kingstowne is on track for the separation in January 2021.
- Trustee Update, Hank Henderson
 - Drainage and mold issues at the parsonage are on track to be resolved.
 - Racoon living within the soffit has been taken care of and all access points identified have been sealed.
 - Out front there is a sand filter that needs to be cleaned and it is on schedule to be done.
 - We are scheduled to meet with the lighting architect on Dec 2 to review the 3 concepts for the sanctuary lighting.
 - Anesbury Parsonage has been rented and we are once again gaining revenue for the rental.
 - A Boy Scout Eagle Project had come to the fore to add a gaga ball pit on property. The youth are on board and the Trustees are working to engage the scout on the project.
 - Our local handyman Steve Braun will be relocating, and we will be looking at finding a replacement.
 - Roofing bids are being solicited to move forward with the second phase of the capital projects.
- Stewardship Campaign (GROWTH) – Randy & Paul
 - Commitments Received – 24 totaling \$143,190.00
 - Sunday is Gratitude Sunday, and the commitments are beginning to come in.
 - Paul asked the Leadership Team to submit their commitments so that we can announce on Sunday the Leadership Team is all in.

- Re-Launch Strategy Team, Paul Amos
New information has been put out from the Governor; however, the new guidance does not apply to religious organizations. We are still waiting to see if additional information will be coming from the Conference office.

V. Pastor Updates

Randy Orndorff

- Work ahead as we have several services we are pre-recording several services.
- We have several baptisms and families joining in the next
- Worked 2 ½ hours on worship planning.

Emily Moore-Diamond

- We received an anonymous donation of 25 fresh turkeys to donate to those are in need or just need a pick me up. Rising Hope will take any that we are unable to deliver.
- Another Eagle project that was approved months ago, and the scout is now on their 3rd troop approval and will be moving forward with the project.
- Community Thanksgiving service is being planned together with 6-7 churches in the area and will be available to post beginning next Tuesday.

Closed Session

The open meeting concluded, and the Leadership Team moved into a closed session to discuss personnel issues.

Submitted by,

Terri Phillips

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