



## St. John UMC Leadership Board Meeting

Date & Time:	Sunday, October 22, 2023, 12:30 p.m.
Location:	St. John UMC Youth Room
Pastors in attendance:	Rev. Jenny Anderson
Leadership Board in attendance:	Charles Dixon (Chair), Rich Bias (Finance Committee Chair), Sawyer Branham (Finance Committee & Young Adult Representative), Tonya Currier (Staff Parish Relations & Annual Conference Representative), Jim Garvey (Resident Storyteller), Stephanie Quattlebaum (Mission and Ministries Representative), Allen Smith (Staff Parish Relations & Lay Leader), Warren Spooner (Trustees Chair), Sarah Thomas (Trustees), Alison Wright (Council Secretary), Marie Young (Staff Parish Relations)  Absent: Georgia Vesely (Finance Committee)
Church members/staff:	none

### Agenda Details:

- I. Opening (1 min) – The meeting was opened and an opening prayer was said.
- II. Spiritual Formation (20 mins) – Each Board member shared how they had seen God this week.
- III. Leadership Equipping (< 1 min) – The Board was reminded that the Guiding Principles for this year are finished and have been compiled.
- IV. Review of New People (1 min) – It was shared that there are around 16 people in the All Saints Collective Bible Study. Some are from Woodlawn and some are from St. John. Two youth (brothers) who are relatively new to the church will be going on the upcoming retreat.
- V. Goal Review and Accountability (9 mins) – It was shared related to the current goals:
  - a. One-year goal (Reevaluate and prioritize the ministry and mission opportunities while reaching out to those who are absent from the family.) – It was shared about awaiting a meeting with Golden Harvest to discuss the Saturday morning

food distributions. Additionally, there are discussions about needed computer updates at the church, and a decision could be upcoming.

- b. Midterm goal (Actively engage with the All Saints Project.) – The current Wednesday night study is part of the All Saints Collective.
  - c. Five-year goal (Become a thriving and growing church welcoming active worshippers with facilities that allow us to reach out to the community in a purposeful way.) – Today's Trunk or Treat will reach out to the residents of St. John Towers.
  - d. It was shared about a recent conversation with a church member with concern that awareness and connection with the homebound are being lost and that the Prayer List has not been communicated in a couple of weeks. Someone else shared that there is a current list of those who are homebound, and visits will be made in Advent. Discussion ensued, and there was realization of the need to communicate what is being done for the care of those who are homebound/shut-in.
- VI. Packet and Consent Calendar Items (8 mins) –
- a. The minutes of the September Leadership Board meeting were voted on and approved unanimously.
  - b. The 2024 Leadership Board was proposed in preparation for the October 23 Charge Conference. The Board discussed. The board was reminded of the importance of having a Young Adult representative in the future. The Leadership Board voted and unanimously approved the 2024 Board.
- VII. Generative and Strategic Work (32 mins)
- a. Trustees (14 mins) –
    - i. The board reviewed the Trustees report. It was added that work on the active leak in the hallway is supposed to start on Thursday. The tree trimming in front of the Mead House has been resubmitted to the city because it was not fixed though the city reported it had been addressed.
    - ii. The board was reminded that when considering sound and video upgrades in the Sanctuary it will save money to combine work so that wiring will not have to be redone.
    - iii. It was suggested that finance members meet to put together a request to the Endowment committee.
    - iv. The document showing a proposed computer upgrade strategy from Data Masters was distributed. It showed that with the exception of two laptops, all of the church computers are 9-13 years old. A WiFi upgrade was also proposed in the document.
  - b. Finance (8 mins) –
    - i. It was reported that we are up to date on paying apportionments through September.
    - ii. A member was asked to reach out to The Towers (Wesley Woods) about the money they are to pay in relation to the St. John parking lot.
    - iii. The Board was made aware that the church is getting close to not being able to tap into the Parsonage Account since only the principal can be used. When that time is reached, expenses will need to be covered through the operating budget.
    - iv. The board was asked that there be more communication about the 225 letter. There has been a small response so far.

- c. SPR (10 mins) –
  - i. The board was reminded of hosting the Wednesday night dinner on November 15.
  - ii. At 1:33 p.m. the Leadership Board went into Executive Session, and Jenny left the meeting. The Board agreed by consensus to have Jenny Anderson return as St. John's Minister, and The Board unanimously approved the Senior Minister Compensation Package. At 1:40 p.m. the Executive Session ended, and Jenny returned to the meeting.
- VIII. Communication (1 min) – The board reviewed the business that took place at today's meeting.
- IX. Closing (4 min) – A closing prayer was said. The next meeting date was discussed, and it will be on Tuesday, November 28 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 p.m.