



<h2 style="margin: 0;">St. John UMC Leadership Board Meeting</h2>

Date & Time:	Sunday, March 23, 2025
Location:	St. John United Methodist Church Room 108
Pastors in attendance:	Rev. Jenny Anderson
Leadership Board in attendance:	Charles Dixon (Leadership Board Chair & Trustees), Mark Barron (Staff Parish Relations, Lay Leader), Tonya Currier (Staff Parish Relations & Annual Conference Representative), Dan Griggs (Finance), Paula Matson (Staff Parish Relations), Mary Ottinger (Finance), Karen Phelps (Secretary), Stephanie Quattlebaum (Mission and Ministries Representative), Warner Spooner (Trustees)
Church members/staff:	Absent: Greg Capers (Trustees—Chair), Rich Bias (Finance—Chair), Sawyer Branham (Young Adult)

- I. Opening (12:19) – Karen opened with prayer
- II. Spiritual Formation – Each Board member shared in response to the question “How is it with your soul?”
- III. Leadership Equipping – Discussion some of the guiding principles that were sent out to the board did not have updates that were done last year. Each member will send edits, updates, and revisions to Jenny. Going forward the Guiding Principles will have a statement added *approved as of May 20*** and the Principles will be updated annually in May.
- IV. Review of New People – Teresa joined; Daniel and Mary with their children; Frank and Melissa; Shepherd (from Louisiana, medical student); Mary and Susie (friends of Jeff and Roy) Courtney and Jeff; Will (young adult visiting for a while)
- V. Goal Review and Accountability (1242pm – Jenny reviewed the Goals of Accessibility, 5th Sunday Fellowship and Stewardship.
 - a. Accessibility will be an ongoing project. 2 projects for this year are: handrails for choir loft and pulpit area and ramp entry/exit from the narthex.
 - b. Fellowship – 5th Sunday
 - i. June 29th – after church luncheon to honor Keith for 25 years of service as well as leadership Townhall and Annual conference report.
 - ii. Aug 31st – Plan for CPR class or Blood Drive

- c. Stewardship – Names were solicited from the group for possible members of the Connection Committee/Group and the Stewardship Committee/group.
 - i. Connections are to ensure that visitors are welcomed and “connected” to areas of study or worship or community.
 - ii. The Stewardship Committee will focus on the Stewardship campaign, pledges of service and financial support, communicating the needs of the church to congregation and improving the expressed gratitude to those who do service.

- VI. Review of February Minutes – several corrections/additions/ clarifications
 - a. Addition under Financial Review: Rich moved to accept the report on the 2023 Finances at the February meeting and it was approved.
 - b. Under Event participation – should read *Leadership board will be hosting the Holy Thursday supper on April 17th*.
 - c. Under Soup night *name* should be changed to *volunteers*.
 - d. February Leadership Committee meetings were accepted after edits and clarifications.

- VII. Generative and Strategic Work
 - a. Trustees– Charles reviewed the trustee report. The leadership committee approved the contractor and bid for painting March 10 via electronic vote.
 - b. SPR– Tonya reviewed their report and gather input from the committee on appropriate gifts and format for Keith’s celebration.
 - c. Finance – It was explained that there is money from the investments that will be brought over at some point (usually do this only twice a year) that is not currently reflected in the Finance report. This will improve the deficit but certainly will not eliminate it.
 - d. All the above reports were accepted by the Leadership Committee after edits and clarifications.

- VIII. Communication– Charles reviewed the business that took place at today’s meeting.

- IX. Next Meeting– Next meeting will either be April 27 or April 29, 2025 depending on the vote that Charles will conduct via email/google docs.

- X. Closing– Mark prayed a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned. 1:45