

SUMC Committee Highlights Report

Monday, May 22, 2023

Church Council Highlights

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- Some new strategies are being incorporated to streamline administrative functions. The goal is to have fewer members in administration and more in ministry. In July, we plan to hold the fall planning workshop. After that, the Visioning Committee will be dissolved and that function will be done by the Church Council.
- Council meeting minutes will be distributed to Council members by email one or two weeks after the meeting. Council members are to review them then, and vote to approve or modify. This saves time at future meetings.
- The new Committee Highlights Report has been well received by members of the congregation. It was published in the WIRE, and written copies were placed on the bulletin board. Council members are requested to send them to the chair at least one week before scheduled Council meetings.
- The Council discussed several Easter and Lenten activities. The purpose of the reviews is to determine each program's fruitfulness, document it for future reference, determine ways it could be improved, and decide if it should be continued or discontinued. We reviewed these programs: the Labyrinth, the small group study on Luke by Adam Hamilton, the Easter Festival and the Stations of the Cross. Ideas for improvement will be added next year.
- There will be a Charge Conference meeting on June 8, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. The purpose is to vote on the compensation package for our new pastor, Bert Cloud. All members may attend but only Council members may vote.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Board of Trustees Highlights

Contact: Jim Talbert

Highlights

- A meeting was called for April 25, 2023. A quorum was not established, so several items were discussed, but no decisions were made.
- The sanctuary lighting project is continuing. Some problems persist, but we and the contractor are determined to resolve them.
- The roof leaks over Gallihugh Hall have been resolved. We're still working on two leaks in the Narthex.
- We are working to improve the lighting in the front parking lot.
- With the upcoming retirement of Pastor Linda, we will lose one of our Trustees, Mark Monroe. This will leave the Board with only six members. The authorized strength is nine. There is also still a vacancy for Chair and Vice Chair. We have made great progress on the church's infrastructure over the last few years but much work remains. The work has been prioritized into a long-range plan.
- Pastor Bert will not be using our parsonage. We are looking into using it as a rental house.

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Discipleship & Education Committee Highlights

Contact: Laurie Morris

Highlights

- May 5 Youth lock-in went well.
- Parent's Night Out on May 12 was a success. There were five volunteers and 17 kids.
- Youth Sunday and Mother's Day, May 14 was amazing!
- Cupcakes and fruit will be available For Confirmation Sunday on May 21.
- June 4 will be last Youth Group meeting for the summer.
- June 4 Graduation Sunday - 2 students will give statements. This is combined with Pastor Linda's retirement reception.
- June 5-9 Summer Camp, as of May 9, 44 families are enrolled.
- June 26-30 VBS, as of May 9, 10 families are enrolled. We need volunteers.
- Youth are still planning a mission trip. Details are to be determined.

Next Meeting: To be determined.

Fellowship Committee Highlights

Contact: Marlene Cavaiola and Donna Meyer

Highlights

- A meeting was held on May 9, 2023 for discussions on food for receptions.
- Food Items and volunteers were decided for the June 4 Retirement Reception.
- Food Items and volunteers were decided for the June 11 Farewell Reception.
- Some Food Items were decided for July 2 Welcome Reception for Pastor Bert Cloud.
- Later in August, we will discuss the September 10 SUMC Rally Day/picnic/cookout

Next meeting: To be determined.

Finance Committee Highlights

Contact: Linda Budzinski or Dana Smedley

Highlights

- April 2023 net operating loss is \$9,144.
- Pledges and Envelope Contributions are up \$1,450 from March mainly due to an increase in giving from multiple families.
- In the month of April, we received \$666 in plate offerings, \$500 from KUC rent, \$120 from AA rent, \$3,384 from Lenten/Easter Offering and \$90 from Easter Breakfast donations.
- Total Operations Expenses for April, \$50,627, are up \$2,076 from March. Administration is up \$1,218. This is in part because March expenses were understated due to the \$600 contribution from SAG and then April variances of \$211.13 in Technology from the Text-In-Church annual fee, \$179.77 in Banking for the new checks/deposit slips that are compatible with QuickBooks online, and \$98.91 in Advertising from Easter ads and \$139.10 in Postage for stamps. Trustees is up \$850 mostly due to Maintenance and Repairs for the men's bathroom urinal repair, replacement ceiling panels, and replacement of defective GFCI outlet in the kitchen.
- YTD Gross Profit is at 32% of the full year budget whereas expenses are at 35.6% of the full year budget. Given that YTD April represents 33% of the full year, we are relatively on target with the budget.
- Compared to YTD 2022, YTD 2023 Pledge, Envelope & Stock Contributions are down \$14,795 (9.5%). This reduction is across several families, some of whom have moved from the area or have passed away. Plate offerings, KUC Rent, Other Rent and Lenten offerings are all up over YTD 2022.

- Compared to YTD 2022, 2023 Total expenses are down \$23,469 (10.6%). This is primarily due to Apportionments which are down \$19,852, \$4,408 from pension apportionment paid in Jan 2022 for Marcela's July-Dec 2021 and \$15,444 for the reduction in Conference and District apportionments paid.
 - At the end of April, the \$60,316.50 balance in the VAUMCU Investment account was transferred to the TRUIST checking account. We were able to open the new TRUIST Money Market account on May 2 and transferred the \$60,316.50 from the checking account to the new Money Market account.
- Next meeting:** To be determined.
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Missions Committee Highlights

Contact: Jim Jochems

Highlights

- Grace Ministries for May: 281 families served, 1,546 people. June distribution will be on 10 June 2023.
- “Keep It Clean Donation Days” will start 1 May 2023. We’ll be collecting, Clorox wipes, dish detergent, laundry detergent, all-purpose cleaner, unused cleaning supplies and hand soap. These will be given out at subsequent Grace Ministries. Sharon will publicize this.
- Mission Trips: We need to follow-up with Sager Brown on 6-5-2023 to determine next steps. We are following up for other alternative trips for the youth (such as one-day trips, etc). We will be checking with Sager Brown for an adult trip (15-20 members maximum). All must be over 18 years old.
- Yard Sale collection begins on 11 June 2023. We will **not** take electronics or small appliances.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Special Committee for Pastoral Transition Highlights

Contact: Joan Talbert

Highlights

- The following members and committees are involved in the planning:
 - Joan Talbert, Lay Leader
 - Jim Talbert, Council Chair
 - Jim Gallihugh, SPRC
 - Debbie Myers, Worship and Outreach
 - Marlene Cavaiola and Donna Meyer, Fellowship
 - Paula Snyder, Helping Hands
 - Nancy Craner
 - Sharon Rosenfeld, Communications
 - Heather Toth, Childrens & Youth Ministries
 - The following events are being planned on the dates indicated:
 - June 4 – Last day with SUMC, celebration and reception for Pastor Linda’s retirement.
 - June 11 - Last day with SUMC, celebration and reception for Pastor Marcela’s transfer.
 - July 2 – First day with SUMC, celebration and reception for Pastor Bert.
 - September 10 – Rally Day and cook-out celebration for Pastor Bert.
 - Sharon is requesting members send in photos of Pastors Linda and Marcela.
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United Woment of Faith Highlights

Contact: Faye Vibbert

Highlights

- Eighteen baskets were made for Lee Merriam for the Mosaic fundraising effort. Six were from UWF.
- The Spring Tea was held, with a total of 58 attending with 10 being guests.
- The speaker was Gina Guinn, speaking on the history of tea and English traditions.
- Busy hands put together bags for Grace Ministry
- We will be helping host the receptions for our Pastors, July 4 and 11.
- Invitation: June 4 at 2:00 guest speaker Suzi Weinert will speak about writing mystery novels.
- All ladies are welcome, please bring friends.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Visioning Committee Highlights

Contact: Andy Anderegg

Highlights

- Discussed the upcoming pastoral transition.
- Discussed the planning timeline for the fall program kick-off.
- Discussed lessons learned from Lenten and Easter activities.
- Discussed the possibility of having a “get to know you” event with incoming Pastor Bert in July.

Next meeting: To be determined.

Worship & Outreach Committee Highlights

Contact: Debbie Myers

Highlights

- The Kiosk Check-in and Name Tag Printer was set up and we began the new routine of registration on 5/7/23.
- The Neighborhood English Together (NET) classes have been gaining momentum. The goal is to have a stable core of students to better plan and facilitate based on each of their needs. More volunteers may be needed in the future. If you are interested, please feel free to join a class to see what is happening on Thursdays 7 – 9 pm.
- A very big thank you to the SUMC youth, staff, and leadership for a special Youth Sunday Mother’s Day worship service! (Attendance: 129 in-person and 77 online. 206 total). Also, thank you to Sharon Rosenfeld and Becca Pepper for heading up the wonderful Flower Bouquet Bar! What an exciting day!
- Plans are being made to celebrate Pastor Linda’s upcoming Retirement Service and Reception on Sunday, 6/4/23.
- All Graduates will be recognized and honored on Sunday, 6/4/23 in the service and reception.
- Plans are being made to celebrate Pastor Marcela’s upcoming New Appointment Service and Reception on Sunday, 6/11/23.
- Gave out about 150 graduation gift bags and congratulation notes to KUC parents.
- On May 21, about 60 member photos were taken to add to the Breeze on-line photo directory.

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.
