Leadership Council Meeting Minutes – July 11, 2022

Members Present: Pastor George Reynolds, Glenda Auker, Carl Dudeck, Nancy Henry, Cheryl Lenker, Stephanie Martella, J. Neumyer, Sally Paff and John Redmond

1. Spiritual Development – Pastor George opened with a devotion based on Mark 5. While Jesus was on a mission to see a sick child he was stopped by someone touching his clothes. He stopped and found the woman who had touched his clothes and ministered to her. Then he went on to see the sick child who had "died" but Jesus told her to wake up and she did. The message in this passage was that no matter where we are headed or what we are attempting to accomplish God may interrupt us and we should be ready for that. Do we take time to allow the interruptions that God may be placing before us?

2. Staff Updates - NexGen Ministries (Sarah's replacement) – Preliminary interviews with several candidates continue.

3. Pastoral Reports on Ministry

   Pastor Taylor –

   1. Rays Place is a hub for activity and connection. Honey Bear had an ice cream scoop event there last week and got folks from the neighborhood out. Floyd Stokes has his two week reading program there with local students for the next two weeks.

   2. Our reading programs are averaging 17 students a week; 10 of whom are new and consistently attending this summer. We have a teacher who lives in our neighborhood but works in Mechanicsburg school district who's been involved for two weeks and she said she's really impressed with this education program outside of a school setting. If anyone from the church leadership team or staff could be there in my stead on June 26 that would be great.

   3. Rockville worship has been good and regular. We're in a groove. 3 folks who live in the neighborhood and who like to walk to church have been coming consistently.

   4. We have adjusted the rental contracts for our martial arts group to $200 a month as they've been giving more scholarships to students who can't pay for their programs but who have been benefiting greatly. One of our food trucks tenants Honey Bears contract was also stabilized to $300 a month since they use the facility for 16 hours a week and the hourly rate was too difficult in costs. In both of these adjustments we've been able to continue to gain revenue for space use while being affordable.

   Pastor George –

   Pastor George is looking for a volunteer to be the Worship Leader on July 24.

   A new message series will begin in August – 1-3-12-120, promoting discipleship.

4. Financial

   We have received a contract from Denk and Associates for accounting services for the church. Denk and Associates will take over the role of the treasurer position. They currently perform this function for another church. The payroll function will stay with the current payroll company. The church will continue to collect and record the income. Denk will pay all the bills, enter all the transactions into QuickBooks, and prepare all the financial reports. A motion was made by Stephanie and seconded by John to approve the contract with Denk and Associates. Motion was approved.

   Ron Estep did not have signatory privileges on the checking account. A motion was made by Stephanie and seconded by Glenda to approve Ron as a signatory. Motion was approved.

   The feasibility of applying for 501C3 status for Rays Place is being explored. Some churches are doing this as a way to move particular missions forward. An advantage would be that as a 501C3 entity Rays Place would have the availability of some grants that are not awarded to churches.

   We reviewed a financial update for the first six months of 2022, prepared by Ron Estep that will be distributed in the eNews.

5. ELD (English Language Development) Project – Pastor George is working with Christine Quintilian who is an ELD teacher to develop a multilingual educational program at the Linglestown campus. The intent of the program is to fill in the gap to get kids ready for kindergarten. The program would begin with a preschool class, 4 year olds (10 students) that would be part of the Linglestown Christian Nursery School. A teacher and an aid have to be hired for this class. An event will be hosted by United Way at the church to garner interest. Working towards having the preschool class in place for the fall session. An adult multilingual class is also being explored.

6. Ukraine Offering Update – Raising Hope Ukraine, www.Raisinghopeukraine.com, is being operated locally through First UMC, Hershey. The founders of the program are Ruslan and Archana Tkachuk who are missionaries in south west Ukraine (away from the fighting). They are meeting the needs of refugees in their village and also in Romania, caring for widows and the elderly, providing medical supplies and supplying a pastor in eastern Ukraine. They hold vacation bible school in Ukraine and Romania. The Easter offering for Ukraine will be given to this organization through a United States bank to further their mission.

7. Upcoming Dates

   July 31 – 5th Sunday – Church Picnic

8. Strategic Planning Retreat

   August 5 8:00am – 12:00pm Place TBA

9. Approval of June 20, 2022 minutes. J made a motion to approve the minutes and Nancy seconded. Minutes were approved.

Leadership Council

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Carl Dudeck	Glenda Auker	Nancy Henry
Sally Paff, Chairperson	Stephanie Martella	Jennifer Stepulitis
John Redmond, Vice-Chairperson	J Neumyer	Katie Krupski
	Cheryl Lenker, Secretary	Jefferson Davenport

2022 Leadership Council Calendar

February 21	May 2	August 15	November 21
March 21	June 20	September 19	December 12
April 18	July 11	October 17	

Town Hall Dates: September 11