Asbury Leadership Council Meeting

 October 29, 2023

Members Present: Forrest Deviney, Javier Ornelas, Valerie Caldwell, Jim Mailhes, Chris Roser, Cheryl Villanueva, Leti Ornelas, Bill Morris, Trudy Paul, Susie Lyne. Congregation members present: Tammy Tuttle, Carol Loeb

The meeting was called to order by Chair Javi Ornelas at 6:05 followed by a prayer from Pastor Forrest Deviney. Since the board did not have a secretary, Forrest moved that Carol Loeb takes minutes for the remainder of 2023. Trudy Paul seconded, and it passed. Agenda items are as follows:

I. Congregation moments

 a. Cheryl Villanueva lifted several celebrations for the board.

 1. A ramp was built by our ramp team this month.

 2. Fliers for upcoming events are now near both doors for member to see.

 3. Class Act did a wonderful job of decorating, organizing and cooking the main dish for our 5th Sunday

 luncheon after church.

 4. Class Act also made 80 Christmas stockings for residents and 16 more for staff for the Amistad facility.

II. Ministry Announcements

 a. Prayer team ministry was given by Chris Roser. She reported:

 1. The prayer team is regularly meeting every Tuesday night at 6:00

 2. There has been interest shown in having a daytime team. This will be started at the first of 2024.

 3. Tammy Tuttle requested that praises be distributed at worship on Sundays before and after

 Thanksgiving as an Asbury family testimony.

 b. Stephen’s Ministry report was given by Rev Trudy Paul. She reported:

 1. A new Stephens Ministry training will start in January 2024. This training goes from January until May.

 Several people have already shown interest. Applications are available in the front foyer.

 c. Women’s Connection report given by Leti. The group has been active as they:

 1. Provided a meal for the Asbury kids Wednesday, Oct. 18th.

 2. Served tea and cookies to the staff of Amistad on Oct. 20th.

 3. There is a “Simply Still” spiritual event planned on November 12 from 4:30-6:00

 d. Heart and Sour Resale shop was reported on by Cheryl Villanueva. She reported:

 1. The shop has raised and donated over $60,000 the last 2 years.

 2. Asbury’s day to work in the shop is the first Saturday of every month. The shop is in dire need of more

 volunteers from Asbury. Store hours are 8:45 to 2:00. A volunteer can serve as few or as many hours

 as they want on that day. We need to keep getting the word out and encourage our members to

 volunteer.

 e. Thanksgiving for 1,000 report was submitted by Isis Gain.

 1. Total request to date: 535 + ~15 call ins. We have put a number of these dependent on funding and

 donations we get in.

 2. Funds as of last Wednesday - $4410 - this will be used this week to order gift cards.

 3. HEB grant received for 1000 reusable bags and $5000. We have used these funds to place a

 bulk order of canned goods - enough to fill 262 bags.

 4. Wednesday Nov. 1st, I have a couple of volunteers lined up to help pick up pallets of food from HEB.

 5. Friday Nov. 3rd - I have volunteers lined up to pick up food donations from Flour Bluff schools.

 6. Saturday Nov 4th - Majesty Outdoors will be at our church from 10- 2pm to organize pallets and pack

 the bags. We will also have the news back out that day to film a follow-up story.

 7. Monday Oct. 30 - Jon and Shannon will be passing out flyers at the FB Trunk or Treat. We will be

 scheduling another packing day the weekend of Nov. 11th.

 8. We will have food donations to pick up from Veterans HS as well the following week Nov. 8th or 9th

 9. Goal - Raise an additional $10,000 or get enough food to fulfill another 300 bags.

 III. Finance Report given by Bill Morris.

 1. Bill gave the Pumpkin Patch results. Our total sales were $34,241.37. Asbury’s 40% share of that

 amount came to $13,696. Donations received were $1,131, which gave us a total for our church of

 $14,827. It was moved and seconded that we split that amount between Thanksgiving for 1000

 and the trustees account for church repairs.

 2. Bill also presented a Summary Report for the month through 10/22/2023.

 3. A suggested budget for 2024 was given out and the board was asked to study this budget for

 discussion and possible action at the next meeting.

 IV. Trustees Report given by Jim Mailhes.

 1. The roof leak over the front office has been repaired. Repairs to the sheetrock and to insulation

 can now be finalized. There was a motion from Valerie and seconded by Susie that the carpet be

 pulled up and replaced with a vinyl flooring. This was approved unanimously.

 2. The phone in the elevator is not able to call out due to the wiring. Travis Cochrane has

 volunteered to repair it.

 V. Staff Report was given by Forrest.

 1. Staff was really overwhelmed during the Pumpkin Patch. Many of their other responsibilities had

 to be pushed back in order to get things accomplished for the patch. Because of staff turnovers,

 several staff were unclear as to where responsibilities lay for some of the areas. Now that we

 have gone through it, better plans can be planned for next year. There was a shout out for our

 staff, and for Norm Smith and the Stockseth family for all the time they spent on the patch. It was

 certainly a success this year.

 2. There needs to be some boundaries on submitting information for the newsletter. Too many

 times, people are submitting ideas that they want published one to two days before the

 newsletter goes out. They also are not submitting content articles. In order to have things done in

 time, the board encouraged staff to set deadlines for submitting articles and ask those submitting

 them to do a write up on the event they want advertised. Kat should have final authority as to

 wording, but not have to create the articles.

 3. There was a discussion on the orange event sheets. Tammy said she had turned in 3 for an event

 and the staff said they never received it. Forrest is going to check on it. Also, people need to be

 notified when the orange sheet is approved. That is not happening now.

 VI. Pastor’s Report was given by Reverend Forrest.

 1. We have had a baptism this month, and we are seeing new faces that are returning. There was a

 charge conference today in which Kat Cochrane was recommended as a candidate for ordained

 ministry.

 2. The Annual Conference of the GMC which is called the Annual Awakening will be held

 February 1-3, 2024 in Waco. The first GMC General Conference will be held Sept 20-26, 2024 in

 San Jose, Costa Rica.

 3. There was supposed to be a hearing about the discover documents in our lawsuit last week, but

 so far Forrest has not heard anything. There also is to be a hearing on November 13 about the

 request for a change of venue.

The board went into closed session to discuss personnel matters. They returned to the open meeting and voted to adjourn at 8:45 pm.