

## Meeting Minutes 3-25-24

### 1. Call meeting to order, opening prayer, and approval of minutes

-Meeting called to order by Javie and Opening Prayer by Forrest, no minutes were distributed so no approval was made.

### 2. Congregation Moments- Announcements, celebrations and/or questions.

-Javie stated he counted 147 in worship during the sermon and 13 on the worship team estimating over 160 with everyone

- Valerie stated the welcome table is doing well. She gave Kelly Mailhes accolades for going over and above with wall repair and ceiling tile replacement. Guests are being noticed. Told a story on how Carolyn Hallet was able to respond immediately to questions about the GMC when asked by a visitor.

### 3. Ministry announcements- (Gary Rogers, Chris Roser, Valerie Caldwell, Leti Ornelas, Isis Gain, Pastor Trudy and any other ministry leaders present)

-Gary Rodgers discussed Church without walls and how donations to this ministry will be designated in the memo portion of the check and go into the restricted funds. The Seekers SS class will send pictures of the hygiene kits and info to Kat for communication to the congregation. This will be communicated on a semi-annual basis. Will start after Easter.

-Chris Roser reported on the Prayer Ministry. She praised the team who has rallied during her absence and complimented how Tammy, Carol Terri, Kim, and Barbara all responded to Prayer at the Altar. She has received incredible comments from the congregation. She will evaluate where the ministry is when she returns, i.e. Shield/Badge program. She reported the Wall Shakers Prayer workshop was awesome. She has received instructions for the prayer vigil Thursday. It is taking a grassroots approach. It is a prayer for thanksgiving, giving people a chance to reach out.

- Isis on Thanksgiving for a 1,000. No report at this time, will start in a couple of months.

- Letty reported on the Women's Connection. A Prayer walk is scheduled April 20<sup>th</sup>, a retreat with speaker Doreen Barber is scheduled for Oct 12<sup>th</sup> which will follow the book study. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> a Women's Conference is scheduled in Waco.

- Valerie reported on the assimilation team with a plan to provide letters to guests from the Pastor. She encouraged everyone to stop by the welcome center and she is hoping to add to the team.

- Cheryl reported on the Heart and Soul ministry. She stated a few more volunteers are needed on Monday to take donations. Especially the heavy items.

### 4. Finance Committee updates and items that may need to be assessed (Bill Morris)

- Bill handed out EOM Feb and stated things are rocking along and about level with last year which is a good thing. Two things which were high were apportionments and the Office budget with purchase of a new computer for the booth in Worship Center. We will be needing another in the future for CLB. Mortgage is down to \$592,217. Isis asked about final numbers for Thanksgiving for 1,000. Bill reported the final number is \$5,699 which is higher than what Isis was expecting.

### 5. Trustee Committee updates and items that may need to be assessed (Jim Mailhes)

- Jim reported Don is the man on the ground! We will have Hood Suppression coming tomorrow (Tuesday) to check all alarms. There is a sensor on the A/C system requirement which is estimated at \$1,000. Bill Jolly made temporary ice machine repair in the kitchen. Jim requested help from

Pastor Forrest in verbally promoting spring clean scheduled for Apr 6<sup>th</sup> 8-12. He also reported the brick on the outside of the building where the United sign was is faded. The board agreed to let Kelly try to make the brick look better. She did this at their house and will give it a try. He stated the Carols are moving and have furniture to donate. He needs flatbed trailers and people on Apr 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to help.

The next topic was the vinyl plank for the office. He cannot find any. He brought up the idea from Tad on eliminating the office. Lots of discussion by all including Javie making comments that research would have to be done on the wall such as is it load bearing, plumbing, electrical etc. including discussions on the future. Pastor Forrest will ask staff on usage of the office including printer and what would happen if that area went away. The Board agreed to entertain options.

**Motion by Bill Second by Cheryl to table discussion on office and was passed.**

- Comments by Javie on communication. A person needs to hear or read something 7 times before it is remembered. So spread the word!

6. Staff meeting updates (Staff meeting minutes will be attached)

- Pastor Forrest stated that the staff is very heavily involved with VBS. He also discussed how the process on getting the kids to Children Church has been awkward. Starting this Sunday, maybe, as the children enter the worship center a two-piece name tag will be produced; one for the child and one for the parent. We already have the printer.

He has received good feedback on the Children's Church and he also stated we are getting new people and visitors. We have more people wanting to join the Church.

7. Update from the Pastor (Forrest)

- Pastor Forrest reported the mediation for Asbury and 27 other Church's is this Wed. He doesn't expect a resolution even though we agreed to fulfill our 2023 apportionments. We still agree to this as we have these funds available in a restricted fund so it will not impact our current budget. If there is no resolution a hearing to dismiss will be scheduled approximately mid-May.

We are having 5 Kids being confirmed this Easter Sunday.

He also reported a nominating committee has been formed and will start meeting after Easter.

8. Old business updates

- Javie stated the board makeup discussion will happen in the future

9. SPRC committee: (Updates from Valerie Caldwell and Pastor Forrest)

10. Items for future meetings (Open)

- No new items added

11. Closing prayer and adjourn

- Closing prayer by Pastor Forrest and adjourned at approximately by Javie at 7:15 pm

Respectively submitted by Tammy Tuttle