

Asbury Methodist Church
Leadership Team Meeting
February 26, 2024

Board members in attendance: Javier Ornelas, Rev. Forrest Deviney, Valerie Caldwell, Letti Ornelas, Bill Morris, Jim Mailhes, Trudy Paul.

Congregation members attending: Tammy Tuttle, Gary Rogers, Shirley Rogers, Kelley Mailhes, Carol Loeb

Chairman Javier Ornelas called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Pastor Forrest led us in prayer. Agenda items were as follows:

1. Congregational Celebrations:
 - a. Everyone thought the new prayer time with the ministry team was very successful.
2. Ministry Reports:
 - A. Hygiene Kits for Church Without Walls – Gary Rogers
The ministry needs monetary funds rather than donated items. The donated items are usually the wrong size and won't fit in the bags. A bag holds deodorant, shaving kits, shampoo/Conditioner, body lotion, toothbrush/paste, combs soap, washcloth. The Seekers Sunday School Class assembles the bags.
Bill Morris moved, and Forrest seconded that Asbury adopt this as one of our ministries. \$2,000 will be put in restricted funds to seed it. Donations from the congregation to support will be requested. It passed unanimously.
 - B. Assimilation Team – Valerie Caldwell, Kelley Mailhes
Valerie and Kelley are developing a welcoming Center in the lobby. This will consist of a physical stand with a gift and materials for guests. They are also developing a plan of how to assimilate first time visitors.
 - C. Women's Connection – Letti Ornelas
Letti says there will be a day long retreat for women near the first of October. Also, the Conference is having a day retreat in Waco that she hopes our women will participate.
 - D. Finances – Bill Morris
Bill reported on January and to date in February finances. (See financial sheet). He also reported that we are paying our apportionments to the Global Methodist Church which are much lower than we have been paying. The GMC uses the honor system for us to pay, and we are very honorable.
 - E. Trustees- Jim Mailhes
We have a new Janitor named Steve. There were raves around the room about him. In the two months he has been here, he has done an audit of every light fixture in the building. He also has been replacing ceiling tiles. He is very proactive of things that need to be done on campus. The fire alarm has been fixed.
 - F. Pastor's report – Forrest
The latest regarding the lawsuit is there was a mediation scheduled for March 27. The conference lawyer recently told our lawyer that they agreed to the mediation but had two conditions. One of the conditions was that any money they claimed we owed was off the table and not open to discuss. Since that is the purpose of the mediation, our lawyer (and us) could only shake our heads. Our lawyer sent a reply to their lawyer and the judge that the terms were not acceptable. We are hoping the judge will hear our submission for dismissal of the case on that date.
3. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56