

Asbury Admin Council Meeting Minutes 4-29-24

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

-Meeting called to order by Javie and Opening Prayer by Forrest, meeting minutes from March were approved

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

- Gary brought up the Church without Walls mission has received donations. Bill reported \$200. Council agreed to continue to announce for donations periodically. Gary to remind Pastor Forrest to announce in September for donations to fund hygiene kits and turkeys.

- Gary reported that he has talked with John about the possibility of charging for VBS and was told it was decided not to charge this year. Discussion about charging in the future with no decision. Pastor Forrest reported there will be a QR code posted at the entrance to make donations.

- Javie stated this past Sunday was a great service with over 100 in attendance and we are averaging 115 without children. Gary also commented on how nice it was to see 7 new members join the Church.

- Tammy brought up a question on how to get more volunteers for the different ministries which led to a lot of discussion and ideas which included Kelley recommending maybe a sermon on service, Cheryl recommended a pamphlet and Valerie reported the connection team is developing a list of "gifts of service" and Javie explained how to develop a culture that is leadership driven.

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

- Valerie reported the assimilation team is excited about the new members and 5 of the 7 are in Sunday School classes, 3 came through the welcome center. Fun for the team to take initiative, follow up, stay in contact and invitations to those who come to the welcome center. The Connection Card announcement by Pastor Forrest during the Worship service has helped a lot. There was discussion on if new attendees were because of our vote to GMC. We really don't know. We are getting questions from people at the welcome center. Valerie gave recognition to two of the members from Island in the sun who have really taken ownership of this ministry and have brought some great ideas.

- Tammy reported for Chris on the prayer ministry. Chris is having major connectivity issues and isn't able to respond to emails very timely. She can only read her emails during her visits to her mother.

- Gary reported we should put a thank you notice in the enews for the donations for the hygiene kits.

- Leti reported the Women's Connection has three new ladies on the ministry team. The calendar has a good number of events for the rest of the year. The most current is a Brunch on May 18th. She will be getting out the announcement soon.

- Isis reported she is working on the timeline for Thanksgiving for a 1,000 and will present at next Ad Council meeting. They will be contacting schools soon.

- Javie reported on the Men's group. The group has 4-7 men on the week-end meetings and all total 12-14 participants. They have great conversations. He has several text groups to get in touch with each other which has been effective including prayer requests. He still is planning the Alpha program in the future.

- Tammy reported that the Trudy Lenten book study group was able to purchase 16 Children Bibles with their collections.

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

- Bill handed out EOM March and the preliminary April thru the 23rd and stated the Facilities Property Insurance was paid thru June. This is a quarterly payment. We are currently up to day on our apportionments. Our budget is healthy and the giving is good. He highlighted the mortgage balance is \$583,419.

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

- Jim thanked Don for all the work he does. He let Don report on the refrigerator in the kitchen which went out. The condenser is out and the estimate is \$1,680 to repair and \$5,176 to replace. Don recommended repair vs replace because the unit is in good shape. It was agreed to repair with no vote since funds are in the budget. Don also reported on a major water leak on a Saturday night which was on the city side. With Don's involvement and the city workers agreeing to work late the leak was fixed in time for Sunday services. Recognition was given to Steve the custodian for cleaning the sidewalk on Sunday morning. There was discussion on the age of all the major appliances at the Church. Don agreed to develop a replacement timeline for each of the appliances and report next meeting. Gary recommended part of the pumpkin patch proceeds go towards funding some of the replacements.

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

- Pastor Forrest stated that the staff is very heavily involved with VBS. They are getting volunteers together

7. Update from the Pastor (Forrest)

- Pastor Forrest He was pleased with have 7 new members join the Church this past Sunday and there is another couple wanting to join. He stated we need to aim for adult baptisms and making new Christians. He reported he has a nominating committee and they will meet next week. There was discussion on how many seats need to be filled and 3 were identified. Javie stated they will be bringing the leadership training to Asbury with a different format than used in the sessions on the Island. There was a discussion brought up by Kelley on ministries that focus on outreach such as the ramp building, casita building and asked if there was a ministry leadership. Javie explained how a ministry gets approved by the Admin Council.

8. Old business updates

- Javie will get with Tad on the pumpkin patch and will report at the next meeting.

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 Jim and adjourned at approximately by Javie at 7:25pm

Respectfully submitted by Tammy Tuttle