

Collierville United Methodist Church
Administrative Board Meeting via Zoom
September 13, 2020

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Meeting called to order at 6:30 by chair, Marie DeLockery. Marie explained the protocol of the meeting and asked that those attending to please mute their device and to raise their hand to be recognized during the meeting.

Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth instructed those on the zoom session how we would do our voting and gave them opportunity to test that process to see and make sure all knew how to cast their vote. She did stress that only those on the board may cast a vote.

It was determined that we had 25 that could vote during this meeting with some texting their vote to Marie and the Rev. Dr. Suddarth.

Our Lay Leader, Jessica Nichols gave our devotional on church leadership based on Matthew 10. Jesus sent out disciples to harvest by going to the lost and told them of the kingdom and that was here. We as disciples are to live generously. You are the equipment, we are to travel light. The group was asked to close their eyes and breath in and give then to God all that was on our mind so that we could be full in the presense of this meeting. Travel light... How good would it be to put those things down and to travel light.

You have traveled generously be generous.

Bob Vornbrock, SPRC Chair, introduced Shelby Ruch-Teegarden and Rev. Tondala Haywood giving a brief description of their credentials and where they had served and a little of their family history.

Rev. Dr. Suddarth asked that those attending to please email Marie with the number of times they had prayed for the church and the staff over the last 150 days since our last meeting.

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Our Mission Statement recited and Rev. Dr. Suddarth asked that the members of the Board to make recommendations of people that could work in specific areas of leadership. The first meeting to go over the list of prospective leadership would be meeting Tuesday Sept.15, 2020.

Minutes were accepted as written with no additions or corrections.

David Jackson Gave the treasurer's report which is on file in the church office.

Don Henigan gave the financial standing in the absence of Preston Carpenter which is on file in the church office. The Preschool had to refund \$96,000 because of the pandemic. However their expenses were actually \$200,000 down from their actual budget.

We did receive funds from the government to help bridge our loss of income during the pandemic. Applications from the government are not yet ready. We will complete this process as soon as they are ready in order to see the decision of whether it will be forgiven or paid back.

Bob Vornbrock, Chair of SPRC brought a motion from his committee for the compensation package for Rev. Tondala Haywood. The recommendation comes as a motion for the amount of \$70,000 for her salary, housing allowance and continuing education and any other professional expenses.

Jeannie Jones inquired as to her insurance and that will be covered by other sources so that is not included with in this amount.

Vote was called for and approved unanimously.

John McCarty, Chair of the Trustees, Presented and explained the changing in the wording of our Safe Sanctuary Policy to be Designee from now on instead of a person of position and also the adding the use of safety seats on the buses. Motion to accept the recommendations of the committee was called for and passed.

Sale of the last two land parcels contained in the Mary Louise Cox Memorial Acct. Her will left 892 acres of land that was to be divided between Collierville United Methodist Church for the preservation of the Sanctuary on the Square, Blue Mountain College, and to the Alumni of Collierville High School.

The deed was to the three organizations in equal parts. Blue Mountain College has asked that the property be sold because of their current financial situation due to the Covid19 Pandemic.

John McCarty said the sale of the land will bring approximately \$3300.00 per acre and that could close in the next 30-45 days bringing in approximately \$189,532 and change.

Vote was called and approved for the sell of the land.

John McCarty closed with the mention that there would be a meeting to decide how best to recognize the gift of Mary Louise Cox. Ideas can be submitted by Thanksgiving to the Trustees.

Rev. David Atkinson closed the meeting saying thank you to the congregation for working with the staff in order to continue services and in social distancing. Monies have continued to come in but expenses have been down. Staff have been versatile and have accepted other duties as assigned and they have done their best to deal with theses changes.

Rev. expressed having great gratitude for the staff and how they have stepped up during these strange times.

The church has a hope of normalcy with the coming vaccine.

Next meeting will be November 1 at 6:30. The type of meeting is yet to be determined depending on the stage of being able to meet in large groups in person due to the pandemic.

Charge Conference will be the following Wednesday, November 4 at 6:00 via Zoom.

Meeting was adjourned with small break before the called Charge Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrelyn Arterburn, Secretary