

Administrative Board Meeting

August 22, 2021

Marie DeLockery called the meeting to order at 6:30.

Loving

Lay Leader Jessica Nichols gave devotional. As we begin this new school year and all the other activities of a new school year she gets a little overwhelmed and she turns to worship music as a means to collect herself and clear her mind. So she played The Blessing for us which is based on Numbers 6:24-26.

“The Lord bless you and keep you;

The Lord makes his face shine on you

And be gracious to you;

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

God protects us, our children and your Children’s children. He gives us sustenance that is never ending and love that is never ending. God is for you and you are never alone. Trust Him for what you need and He will not leave you.

Learning

The Minutes were approved as posted with a first by Ed King and second by Richard Lee.

It has been 99 days since we last met, please record the number of days you have prayed for our church and it’s staff on the score board being passed around.

Treasurer’s Report – David Jackson Report on file in church office.

Finance Chair – Don Gary Please see attached report.

SPRC – Bob Vornbrock – This is our last meeting with Deborah Suddarth as our Executive Pastor at our next meeting she will be our Senior pastor. We are working to identify someone to replace her in the Executive Pastor position. We could be filling the position with an interim pastor until the next conference when the rest of the conference does the shuffle of pastors. We continue to work on finding an interim pastor to fill the gap.

We still have 4 active job postings for

Part-time youth minister

Part-time nursery care giver

Part-time Foundery worship leader

Full-time Office Manager

As SPRC chair I bring the following recommendation for the compensation package For Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth which the committee unanimously agreed upon. The package will remain as it was for Rev. Atkinson which is \$120,000 Gross salary plus \$19,500 for continuing Education and Professional Expenses for a total of \$140,278.

Marie stated the motion coming from committee does not need a first or second is there any discussion and called for the vote.

There was no discussion and the motion to accept proposed package was accepted by unanimous vote.

Charge Conference will be Thursday August 26 at 6:00 to vote this package approved officially.

Endowment – J.D. Peebles – Our Accounts have been officially moved to Fidelity. This account shall have funds eternally, the only moneys that shall be removed are from the interest of the account. So fund should be growing continually. Grants are applied for that are reviewed and determined how the fund will be distributed. These grants are to be for items not included in the regular budget.

Bill McKinney felt the call to start a scholarship fund in memory of Rev. Atkinson that he would match up to \$50,000. He has passed since the initial idea was presented but he did get to see it come to fruition and did leave funds for the church in his estate. His vision for this was to relive the burden of Student debt for those pursuing a life in ministry. We will need \$100,000 to get started. We will need to get to \$500,000 to be able to possibly do more than one scholarship.

Pastor's Report – Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth

I have been your Executive pastor for a season and I look forward to being your Senior Pastor.

Our staff continues to be on board with the work of the church, We welcomed a new young family this morning and I spoke with two people at the Sam's group who wish to join. MOPS Moms are coming back.

Things are going well but we do find ourselves wearing mask again.

I ask that you fill out Sheets for Lay Leadership positions for the next year. We did this last year and we were able to fill all the positions from your suggested recommendations.

You found on your seats a copy of the devotional book we will be using during our Stewardship Campaign. They should be available for the congregation before the fall break. We are asking the Members of the Administrative Board and the Staff to turn in their pledge cards the week before the congregation turns them in as a sign of leadership. We will be offering people to come to talk to your class and expand our range of exposure to increase an awareness of our stewardship needs.

I want to thank Dr. Durbin for all his support he has given to us during this time. We are planning to have a time in service to surround him in prayer as a sending off and the staff will be having a dinner for him. He has given, Tondala and I, a foundation to walk on to be able to get through this time of mourning.

We will have a Charge Conference with our new District Superintendent, Rev. Autura Eason-Williams on Thursday, August 26 at 6:00.

Marie Delockery – We will have our next Administrative Board Meeting November 7 at 12:00 with our Charge Conference via Zoom at 2:00. Beverly will send out the contact information.

Rev. Tondala closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrelyn Arterburn

Recording Secretary