

Collierville United Methodist Church

Administrative Board Meeting

December 4, 2022

Meeting called to order by Marie DeLockery at 6:30 with special request that the Administrative Board Members and the Discernment Committee be seated in designated sections separate from the general Membership of the Church. Members of Board were Checked in by Blaine Tooley and Melanie Duncan and given their ballot for their vote concerning the decision of the Discernment Committee later in this meeting.

Loving

Lay Leader – Jessica Nichols began our meeting with a prayer.

A prayer was for wisdom and peace in the midst of a big decision. We'll trust you and Praise you for being a decision making God. We'll search scripture and know what you want us to do. Free us from second guessing over and over so that we may be more like Jesus.

Minutes approved as posted for the Administrative board meeting and Charge Conference on October 30, 2022.

Marie recognized those rolling off the board: Jessica Nichols, Don Gary, Rosemary Hart, Nicholas Brown

SPRC – Bob Vornbrock reported that Don Henigan has resigned to take a new position. His interim replacement as of November 28, 2022 is Lauren Key as Interim Director of Finance.

Treasurer's Report- John Sammons – Report on the back of your Agenda

Trustees Report – Matt Morgan – Lighting and retro fitting of lights continues to be completed. We have approval for TVA financing on the HVAC . We are going to be replacing the roof of the gym and the Sanctuary on the Square. We have plans to be resurfacing of the Playground.

Leading

Business Reports

Finance- Don Gary Presented the 2023 Proposed Budget – Please attached report

This comes from committee as a recommendation. With no Questions asked the budget was accepted as presented.

Marie offered a prayer before the presentation of the Discernment Report by Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth and J.D. Peeples with Eric Ware Explaining and going through the Survey results.

You received a copy of these exact reports from Beverly Crossnoe prior to this meeting. Please refer back to those PDFs.

Question time was opened for the Administrative Board Members to ask questions then the floor was opened for those in the congregation to ask any questions.

Questions concerned the being in person to vote and the pay out if we do vote to disaffiliate from the UMC.

After the point of questions were answered the Administrative Board took a vote that was counted by Marie DeLockery, current Administrative board Chair, Ron Lipp, incoming Chair, Jay Jeffries, past three time Chair of the Board and Jeffrelyn Arterburn, Recording Secretary.

Vote Counted 34 yes and 10 no to allow the congregation to vote whether to stay in the United Methodist Church or to disaffiliate from the denomination.

Pastors Report – Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth

Rev. Suddarth called for us to be in prayer and to be kind to each other. As you meet each other don't just jump into the discussing about the possible disaffiliation because not all may be comfortable with discussing. Be Kind, we are called to use our deep spiritual compassion for each other. Each of you love each other. Let's be sensitive to each other's feelings.

In this time of Discernment we are to follow Jesus' example and His patience with our Faith, Hope and Love, the greatest of all.

Financially in between times and we need to adjust our budget as we always do because we still need to function and pay our bills. We have to keep the Church afloat to get through this process.

Marie DeLockery was recognized for her 7 years of service going from COM Chair to Admin. Board Chair for the last 7 years during a very difficult time of adjustment for our church.

Every single Monday for 18 months we have met with our leadership committee. Others that are rolling off after three years of service are Bob Vornbrock, Don Gary and Jessica Nichols.

Please know your pastors are here for you. In My prayers daily I ask to show patience, compassion and trust as we go through this season.

Marie Delockery – Dates for next year’s meeting as noted on your agenda.

Marie Introduced Ron Lipp as our new Administrative Board chairman.

Jessica Nichols Closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrelyn Arterburn

Recording Secretary