

Administrative Board Meeting and Charge Conference

Collierville United Methodist Church

October 29, 2023

Dave Herlong opened the meeting at 6:30

Dave Herlong, Administrative Board Chair and **Dr. David Weatherly**, District Superintendent led the meeting.

Loving

Julie Smith gave a devotional on What People are Looking for? Number one thing that is looked up on Google is What is Love? Number two is Who is Jesus? Jesus is Love and has taught us to Love.

How we are to share the Love found in the Jesus? Join me to live the love of Jesus.

Learning

Dave Herlong – Why are we here. We are called here to serve. We recited our Church's mission statement.

Joey Reed – Presented for approval, our lay leadership. With no discussion the Lay Leadership was accepted.

Approval of Minutes

SPRC Report – **Bill Daniels** presented his report with the explanation of how we are required to fulfill our responsibilities concerning the salary of Rev. Dr. Joey Reed. We are responsible in the subsequent years to pay as follows,

25% thru June of 2024

50% thru June 2025

75% thru 2026

100% by June of 2027.

The balance of his compensation is being paid by the conference.

That being said Joey's Compensation from us will be \$12,400.00 plus \$875 for reimbursement of expenses and continuing education. This being brought by committee, a motion was made and Dr. David Weatherly called for discussion. Having no discussion a vote was called. Motion was passed with unanimous vote of yes.

Next Bill presented the compensation package for Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth, a salary of \$126,817 and reimbursement of expenses to include any continuing education of \$9,000, for a total of \$135,817.00. Dr. David Weatherly called for discussion on the motion to accept the salary package. With no discussion had, the vote was taken to accept it unanimously.

Financial Report – Cary Pappas – Our books have not been closed due to unexpected illness of our financial officer but hope that they will be by the end of the month.

We are seeking to find a temporary person to help handle our finances until our finance person is able to return to work.

We have a little set back in the last couple of weeks with back to back weekends of fall break but our hope to see a positive return to the good by the end of the year. Continue to support the church financially, as we do have challenges to move forward.

Trustees report – Matt Morgan

Matt expressed gratitude to the hard work of Blaine Tooley and Lindsay Carpenter for their hard work in seeing the completion of our new wireless HVAC control system which is to be completed by the end of November and the all campus WIFI.

Our new contract with Konica was renegotiated by Lindsay to bring us a savings of nearly 340.00 a month.

Our insurance will continue to be \$55,000 with an increase in our deductible from \$15,000 to now at \$25,000.

Two new Tenants utilizing space in the Poplar and Square locations:

New Day Children's Theatre has come back home where they started to occupy the large room upstairs with two office and a storage closet. They are pay \$1400.00 a month.

The Sanctuary on the Square will be used by Grace Hill Church. They officially moved in today and will have use of the building on Sundays from 10-10 after we have completed our services. They will be using the Grooms room for storage and office.

Upcoming projects include the roof on the Sanctuary on the Square with monies coming from the Sanctuary on the square Restoration fund.

And with the approval of finance we will be looking at replacing the shingles on the Gym Roof.

Leading

Pastor's Reports

Joey Reed said he will continue to bring in more discipleship programming, we are finding their calling within this place.. We have a partnership in place with Peace Tree UMC continuing with the youth

program for programming and mission trips. Plans are being put into place for Day Shore. Peace Tree has theirs in place already and we hope to do the same. Day Shore did have a 50% reduction.

David Weatherly appealed to the group for volunteers that could go to Annual Conference June 18, 19 20 of 2024 in Murfreesboro UMC. He is passing the list at each Charge Conference to get a diverse group of delegates to represent his Districts. These would be persons who were not already on our list of delegates to represent our church. Richard Lee and Bob Vornbrock are first delegates with Ann Lee and Herbie Krisle substituting in case of either of them not being able to attend.

Deborah Suddarth reported that she is experiencing personal growth through the 365 Day devotional series. She admitted to being a little behind. She is praying that this has been enriching to those participating and encouraged those who had not started that it was not too late to start. It's like a 30,000 foot view of how to worship and how to build a church.

Through our Community outreach we have been able to touch hundreds:

Block party approximately 275 attended

Boo Grass Festival approximately 300 rubber duckies were given out so if you figure for every child that came through we possibly had two parents or grandparents for us to be able to touch at least 700 people

Upcoming Breakfast with Santa and Merry Market, we will be able to touch that many more.

We have had 8 baptisms and approximately 40 new members to join.

We have received 87 pledges card for the amount of \$630,000 in pledges and her hope is that we will receive \$1,000,000. With our unpledged funds bring us to a total of \$1.4 million.

We need \$25,000 per week to get to a balanced budget.

We are exceeding our expectations with looking at three initiatives to work toward the changing of our mission statement our Vision casting Evaluation and Our INJOY stewardship campaign which we had already engaged but were not to start. So they have provided guidance to know our next steps in the coming campaign to shore us up financially for our future. They are asking questions to make us think, like what do you do when they give the first time and then what do you do the second time they give?

Joey Reed spoke as to what is going on behind the scenes.

NAVA is working with us to get our name out into the community through WEB Site construction trying ignite interest in what we are doing here and in the community.

Pay attention to the reconnected questions in the bulletin to go over and lunch after church or later in the week. We are learning how to abide – To Know Jesus.

Again upcoming events Breakfast with Santa

Sermons to be done by Christy Brown, Jonathan Lewis and Patrick Mason

Second Sunday of 2024, we will have Leadership Training with free lunch, staff partners and learn the new ropes of our positions and who you need to call to find out.

Closing prayer – Dr. David Weatherly

Dave and David closed the meeting of the Administrative Board and the Charge Conference

Next Meeting will be December 3, 2023 to set the budget.

David Weatherly want to express that his cup was again refilled full with hope for the future church to move forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrelyn Arterburn

Recording Secretary