

Collierville United Methodist Church Administrative Board Meeting

April 7, 2024

Meeting called to order by Dave Herlong at 6:05

Devotional – Julie Smith

She challenged us to pull on our faith and not on our fear. Jesus heals those with faith and God is faithful to see us through. Stand firm in your faith.

Recited our Vision Statement

Minutes approved as posted

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

Finance Report – Cary Pappas – Welcome Debbie Ray back on board and it has already relieved some of the stress off of me.

Jamie Baccus has agreed to be the Asst. chair of the finance Committee

Wendall Cheatam has agreed to be our Asst. Treasurer. Something we have always had but due to some changes last year that position had not yet been filled.

Herbie Krisle has agreed to come back onto the Finance Committee to replace someone who had resigned their position

Debbie Ray has been able to gain access to all our accts now and brought all signatures to meet our current status. We are looking to reduce the number of separate accts. Making it easier to keep up with. Debbie has set up a Monday and Thursday deposit schedule so as to benefit any interest to our benefit. Debbie is checking our accts daily to catch or question any changes.

We have had a money counter donated to help keep our accounting in line with the bank.

Our building use and income has been very well managed by Lindsay Carpenter. She is doing a fantastic Job

Bob Vornbrock in a very short 3 week period of time found grant money of \$30,000 to help with our HVAC. He will continue to research for grant money that is available to all areas from preschool to older Adults and anything that can defray the cost to the church.

Simmons has been really good to work with in getting our accts realigned. Our person who has done an outstanding job in getting our accts. realigned has accepted a new position and we will be working with someone new. However the changes have given us a 3.5% interest on a million dollars in the bank giving us the equivalent to a good week of tithing per month.

We are doing much better in our giving averaging about 11% for the first quarter in comparison to the last three quarters. Where we were in the red I do believe that we are to the positive.

SPRC – Bill Daniels – Voted on approval of sabbatical leave for Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth which passed with no issues. See his report in Attachments.

Trustees- Matt Morgan See attached report

Pastors Report –

Dr. Joey Reed asked if we had been doing our homework? Have you noted any aha moments in worship that have effect you in your faith. Things mentioned: the Brashears' son walking down the aisle on Palm Sunday, the cross made by Erin from the post-it prayers, the increase in numbers attending the 8:30 worship at the square. We will be celebrating our 125th year on the Square so watch for ways we will be celebrating. We hope to continue to see the growth in our services.

Wednesday Night programming changing up learning about scriptures being applied in the current sermon series. Our Dad's tribe is now our men's tribe if you are looking for a place to join on Wednesday night come join us.

He thanked Stephen Racine and Crystal on the great jobs that they are doing, praising Stephen on his growing the program to be strong and Crystal for her ability to administer the duties as well as serve in her position with the preschool.

He's looking into leaning in on teaching and growing discipleship, so please if you are having questions please don't hesitate to ask and he'll reserve the right to say I don't know but he'll be glad to help you find an answer. Let's lean in to know what we're teaching and how we're teaching.

Preschool will be expanding by about 5-6 classes and going to be serving some younger ages.

Rev. Dr. Deborah Suddarth's report attached.

Meeting closed with prayer by Dave Herlong

Next meeting August 25, 2024 at 6:30

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrelyn Arterburn

Recording Secretary