

Leadership Team Meeting
St. John's United Church of Christ
Newport, Ky
March 15, 2025

PRESENT: Kyle Taylor-President, Dave Stamm-Vice President, Pat Goins-Secretary, Vickie Kennedy-Treasurer, Laura Haas-Past President, Pastor Marty Westermeyer-Designated Pastor.

LAST MONTH'S MINUTES: Minutes were sent out prior to today's meeting. No discussion needed. Laura made a motion to accept minutes and Vickie seconded it. No further discussion. Motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT- Pastor Marty presented the pastor's report. Discussion re:Easter readiness. Pat made a motion to accept the report and Kyle seconded it. No further discussion. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Kyle started discussion re: back door repair. He will check with Julie Ollier to see if her contact would be able to do the work. Will table for now.

Kyle reported the city approved the laying of turf on the Nelson Place side of the building for Trent Montessori. Trent will pay for this and cover all costs.

Kyle found some old folders with job descriptions and gave them to Vickie. Could not find any for Dobin and Michael, may have to create new ones. Dave will check with Carol Fickenscher to see if she knows if they exist.

Pat reported she called Barleycorns about reserving a room for lunch after church on a Sunday for a fellowship gathering. They now charge \$50 with a \$150 deposit. If the group spends more than \$150, the deposit will be returned. If the group doesn't spend \$150, the difference will be taken from the deposit. Discussion proceeded and it was decided we didn't like the money arrangements and the purpose of the gathering was so we would be seen as a group from our church dining together, and if we were in a private room it would defeat the purpose. Decision was made not to pursue this.

EASTER PROGRAM FOR KIDS-It was discussed and agreed that we would not have anything special for kids on Easter since there were very few that attended last year and none attending church at this time. We will hand out mini bags like we are making for the Trent kids if any attend Easter morning.

EASTER BREAKFAST-The Leadership Team will sponsor and serve Easter breakfast again this year to thank the congregation for all they do for our church. We will serve from 8:15 am -9:45 am. The team will bring the following items:

Laura-2 quiches

Vickie-Bagels

Kyle-Casserole, juice

Pat-Pastries

Dave- Fruit

Kyle will ask Carol Thompson and Julie Ollier to decorate.

YARD SALE-Julie Ollier can't be at the yard sale this year to cook hotdogs. We may just serve bottled water. We will reevaluate this and discuss it further closer to the summer.

EDUCATION-Laura announced she will be doing Pause for Lent on Saturday mornings from 10-11 am, using books by the same author who did our Christmas Advent book. She may start another book club before the Chosen starts up again.

MISSION-Julie Twehues and Tracy Barber had some good ideas about mission work. Laura will check with them to see where they are on this.

COOKIES FOR SHUTS INS-Will put on hold for now.

COOKIES FOR FIREFIGHTERS-Will do in May.

GIFT CARDS-Kyle recommended we give John Robson a \$150.00 gift card this quarter. Dave made a motion to accept this, and Pat seconded it. No further discussion. Motion passed.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS CAMPAIGN-Kyle announced we are close to the \$25,000 goal. Discussion ensued about what kind of celebration we would have when we reached our goal. Kyle suggested a spaghetti lunch. We will think about celebration ideas. A suggestion for a video of the history of the church was mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS: Laura suggested we seriously start looking to hire an intern who can work with Marty, under his supervision, and have him/her work on things like restarting Sunday School. Pastor Marty will reach out to local seminaries and Laura and Kyle will work on a job description.

ENDING PRAYER-Laura offered a prayer to end the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Goins

Secretary