

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

JULY 12, 2025

ST JOHN'S UCC

NEWPORT, KY 41071

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

The Meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM by Kyle. Vickie offered an opening prayer.

Minutes-The minutes from last month's meeting had been sent to members of the Leadership Team prior to today's meeting. There was no discussion. Vickie made a motion to accept the minutes, Laura seconded it. The vote was in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report-Vickie said we are holding steady. There was a financial meeting with Vickie, Dave and Chris which was very positive. Chris stated the market fluctuates and we have nothing to worry about at this time. Laura wondered if it would be a good idea to let the congregation know this, without giving out any details, to allay any anxiety. There was much discussion, and it was decided to wait until the congregational meeting in October to relay this information. Laura made a motion to wait until the October

congregational meeting to share the financial report, Kyle seconded it, the vote was in favor and the motion was passed unanimously.

Pastor's Report-There was nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS-

Buildings and Grounds-Kyle stated the projector in the sanctuary is no longer working, and a new one would cost \$12,000. Kyle suggested we role in the TV from the parlor to show the announcements on. Vickie made a motion to not replace the projector; Pat seconded the motion, the vote was in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Cleaning Company-Kyle stated the cleaning company is doing good, but Marty is missing a charger from his office and Kyle said he is missing a charger for the Ipad in the balcony. Discussion took place, with the possibility of installing cameras at certain points around the church. Dave made a motion to table buying cameras and put up signs saying you are being monitored, Pat seconded the motion, the vote was in favor and the motion passed unanimously. We will keep an eye on the situation for now.

The Buildings and Grounds celebration or extravaganza, on September 21, 2025, was discussed with several ideas for raffles, gifts, etc. Kyle will look into the effect on our tax status regarding these ideas.

Intern search-Laura will get in touch with local seminaries in the fall re: finding an intern for us. Marty will give her contact details of who to call.

Worship-Laura suggested that we not remove the cross from the altar when we have communion, like it was last Sunday. Kyle will ask Kelli and Michael whose responsibility it is to take care of this.

Cookies and Lemonade-July 20th will be staff appreciation, and August will be a welcome reception for Tony Burdett, our new choir director.

Care Closet-Laura will reach out to Tracy and ask her to find volunteers to work at the Care Closet maybe on a Saturday in September.

Brighton Center House Scholars is planning a graduation. We received a deposit from them to use our facilities, but they didn't show up. They want to reschedule it for August 7th but Kelli and Kyle will be on vacation, and they know how to monitor and work at these functions. Dave made a motion we keep their deposit and tell them we are not available on August 7th, but they can choose another date. Laura seconded the motion and the vote was in favor, the motion passed unanimously.

Organ-Kyle stated Michael said the organ needs work and it will cost \$900. This would come out of the General Fund. Laura made a motion to repair the organ for this price; Pat seconded it and the vote was in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

MISCELLANEOUS-Kyle will be on vacation from 8/2/25-8/10/25, and someone needs to turn the camera on and off to live stream the Sunday services. The Leadership Team will go up to the balcony Sunday to see how to do it, and then we will all be able to do this whenever Kyle is unavailable. Someone will also need to cosign checks that week, and Dave offered to do this.

The Back to School drive ends 8/3/25, so Laura and Pat will divide up the donated supplies and deliver them to Washington UCC, Newport Primary School, and Newport Middle School. We will take a picture of the supplies gathered on the altar that Sunday.

Band On the Lawn-They will perform outside here tomorrow; Dave will help Kyle set up the chairs.

Mission-Kyle announced the Visitor and Bulletin will be changing because Microsoft is getting rid of Publisher. Kyle and Kelli are researching other options. Vickie suggested a trifold for the bulletin like a lot of churches are doing.

Henry Hosea House-Pat announced we have secured the 5th Fridays of the months for our church to volunteer there. The next dates for the rest of 2025 are Friday 8/29 and Friday 10/31/25. Pat has written up information asking for volunteers for these dates and will send it to Kelli to put in the weekly bulletins and the Visitor and Constant Contact.

REST OF THENYEAR EVENTS-

JULY

Band on the Lawn 7/13/25

Cookies and Lemonade, staff appreciation 7/20/25

Back to School Drive-ends 8/3/25

AUGUST

Cookies and Lemonade and welcome for Tony Burdett 8/24/25

Baby bottles fill with coins for New Hope Pregnancy Center will start 8/31/25-Vickie will get 100 bottles.

SEPTEMBER

Care Closet-September

Cookies for Firefighters-Pat will talk to Carol Thompson & Julie Ollier about getting the Lunch Bunch involved.

OCTOBER

Halloween Trunk or Treat 10/18/25. Will get volunteers to pass out candy on Halloween on the church steps when Newport celebrates Trick or Treat.

Dave will purchase supplies for Trent Montessori kids for Halloween with \$300 from the General Fund. Lunch Bunch may put together again like last year.

Congregational Meeting 10/26/25-Current Leadership Team will remain the same until the end of 2026.

NOVEMBER

Thanksgiving baskets 10/12-11/19/25. Laura suggested making gifts and delivering them to our homebound.

Kyle made a motion to designate \$300 for the Trent Montessori bags and \$150 for gifts for our homebound. The motion was seconded by Dave and the motion passed unanimously.

Stewardship Sunday -11/26/25. Discussion ensued re: new ways to present stewardship. It was suggested to get a committee together and let them decide.

DECEMBER

Giving Trees for Christmas

Christmas Concert-Unsure of date, depends on Tony's other commitments.

East Row Christmas Tour 12/6-12/7/25-Discussion about whether or not we want to be part of the tour this year. It was suggested we might do 2 hours at the end of each day and provide cookies, hot chocolate and bathrooms. We do not have enough volunteers to provide for two full days. Kyle will talk to the East Row about our involvement.

There was no further business, Dave made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Kyle seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitte,

Pat Goins

Secretary