

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
ST JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
415 PARK AVENUE
NEWPORT, KY 41071
MARCH 7, 2026

PRESENT: Kyle Taylor-President, Dave Stamm-Vice President, Pat Goins-Secretary, Laura Haas-Past President, Pastor Marty Westermeyer-Interim Minister

ABSENT: Vickie Kennedy-Treasurer

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Kyle. Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Marty.

CARDS: Pat read Thank You Cards the Leadership Team had recently received.

MINUTES: Minutes from the last meeting were sent to the members prior to today's meeting. Laura made a motion to accept the minutes and Dave seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Kyle gave a report since Vickie was absent. Kyle said we are in a winter and post-Christmas slump, low in checking account. He pulled \$50,000 from investments. Expenses remain steady. If the price of gas stays up, we may need to increase mileage for John Robson and Marty. Kyle said Chris calculates the price based on the IRS calculations so we don't need to increase that on our own. Dave made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Laura seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Marty handed out his written report. Kyle made a motion to accept the report and Pat seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

INTERN SEARCH: Nothing new at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Easter Breakfast-We will start serving at 8:30 AM. The following people will bring the following:

Dave- fruit

Laura- breakfast quiches

Pat- pastries, juice

Kyle- breakfast casseroles, plates, napkins

Vickie- bagels and cream cheese

We will serve coffee, water, tea, and juice.

Whoever is available will set up on Saturday.

TRENT BAGS: Dave ordered the contents for the bags and said the price has gone up; he spent \$318.00 this year. We will put the bags together during next week's Lunch Bunch.

Laura made a motion to accept this increase in cost and to proceed with the gift bags for the Trent students, Kyle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

ENERGY AUDIT: Duke Energy proposed a cost of \$15,000 to change out all our lights to LED lights, saying it would take 5 years to recoup the cost. Kyle made a motion to decline this offer, Dave seconded the motion, the vote was in favor of declining the offer and the motion passed unanimously.

MAINTENANCE: Kelly found a new company online-Shephard Facility Management, owned by Matthew Shephard. Kyle and Kelli met with him and were impressed with him and his recommendations and costs. The following are some of the services he will provide at this time-

Foundation Partner Program-Monthly property visits.

Dave made a motion to accept this proposal, Laura seconded it, the vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

Leaf removal-

Dave made a motion to accept this proposal, Pat seconded it, the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

Gutters-This proposal was discussed and it was decided to hold off on this for now, and get an estimate from Conrad Roofing and take it to Matthew Shepard for comparison.

Potholes in back parking lot-

Laura made a motion to accept this proposal, Dave seconded it, the vote was unanimous in favor, the vote passed.

Snow removal-

Pat made a motion to accept this proposal, Kyle seconded it, the vote was unanimous in favor, the vote passed.

All details of proposals are in the attached written proposal.

Miscellaneous:

Gift cards for John Robson. Do we want to give John \$150.00 in gift cards like we do every 3 months? Kyle made a motion to give John \$150.00 in gift cards, Laura seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

Handbells: Houston Tyrell is the choir director at Gloria Dei Luthern Church where we had our Christmas concert this past December. He has started a handbell choir and has more people wanting to play than he has bells for. He is interested in one of the following options re: our handbells-

- purchasing our bells
- leasing our bells
- borrowing our bells

Dave and Diana Stamm have discussed these possibilities, and while they would like for the bells to be used, they do not want to give them away or sell them since they were bought in honor of their daughter Lisa. They are willing to just loan the bells to Gloria Dei, and they will provide the upkeep and cleaning that is needed, and play the bells for our church occasionally.

Pat made a motion to loan the bells to Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with the understanding they provide care and upkeep of them and play them at our church occasionally. Laura seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

Laura discussed a service project we could get involved in for the coming fall/winter season. She suggested we make blankets to give out to visitors to our food pantry.

There was discussion re: the meeting we plan to have with the congregation on April 19th. Details will be finalized closer to the date.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Goins

Secretary