

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

ST. JOHN'S UCC

415 Park Ave

NEWPORT, KY 41071

APRIL 11, 2026

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

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by Kyle.

-LAST MONTH'S MINUTES were distributed to members before meeting.

Laura made a motion to accept the minutes and Vickie seconded it. No discussion. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

-TREASURER'S REPORT- Vickie didn't have anything to report, but Kyle stated income is steady for this time of year. The Dow took a dive because of the war in Iran, but our investments are good. Laura made a motion to accept Kyle's report, Pat seconded it, no discussion and the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

-PASTOR'S REPORT-Pastor Marty passed out his report. He will be away the last two (2) Sundays in May and Vickie will preach on both days.

-Laura suggested we plan on having a meal on Maundy Thursday before the service next year. Everyone liked the idea and we will plan on that for next year.

-WORSHIP-Memorial Sunday-Kyle said the overhead projector is broken, so he and Pastor Marty will figure out the logistics of using the large screen TV.

-ENRICHMENT-Everyone agreed we should serve lemonade and cookies again this year after church, outside, each month during the summer. It was

decided we would do this June 28, July 26, and August 30. Whoever is available to help with each day will do so.

-For Mother's Day, we will give each woman at church that day a flower, and on Father's Day, each man will receive a pen.

-Vickie will order flags for the greeters to pass out as people enter church on July 5th, to wave at the end of the service when Michael plays Stars and Stripes Forever to celebrate our country's 250th birthday.

-Do we want to have a reception after the choir's Spring Concert on May 17th? And do we want to take up a collection for our church or for an outside agency, or no collection at all. Kyle will talk to Tony and Michael about this.

-**EDUCATION**-The Gospel of Matthew will be the Bible study offered every Saturday morning at 10:00 AM through June.

-Kyle mentioned there are two projects coming up, -the lock for the front door, and the painting of the steeple and the front of the church. The Memorial Committee may fund part of the cost of the steeple painting.

-**SECURITY SYSTEM**-Kyle said we received an estimate from ADT for \$4-5000.00. Matt Shepherd gave us an estimate of \$2500.00, which includes cameras outside. There was discussion about what both of these services would entail. Kyle will talk with Matt and get back to us with the info.

Matt also said he will clean the grates on the lower windows around the building-12 grates-for \$600.00. Also, the emergency light by the lower bathroom ramp in Fellowship Hall needs to be replaced. Matt will replace it for \$225.00. Kyle made a motion to approve Matt doing the grates and the light fixture, Dave seconded it, there was no further discussion, and the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

Laura made a motion to table a decision on the security system until we have more information, Dave seconded the motion, the vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

There was discussion about Kelli's camera for the side door being broken and how it would tie in with the new security system. Laura suggested fixing Kelli's camera now before we decide on a security system, but Kyle said it would not be feasible to fix it now, since it would tie in with a new security system.

-FIRE INSPECTION-At the recent fire inspection, it was noted there are some smoke detectors that are not working. To replace all 22 smoke detectors would cost \$7964.50. Silco will do this. Pat made a motion to replace all smoke detectors, Vickie seconded it, the vote was unanimous in favor, the motion passed.

-LAWN CARE-To do all lawn care, grass cutting, mulch, touch ups, Jesus charged us \$1750 last year, and Matt Shepherd is offering to do it for \$1800.00. The garden Club has donated \$1200.00 for this, so it will only cost us \$600.00. Vickie made a motion to continue lawn care with Jesus, Dave seconded it. The vote was unanimous in favor and the motion passed.

-NEW SIGNAGE-Kyle went over the new signage and suggestions and corrections were offered and made. The Memorial Committee will help pay for the new signage.

-There was much discussion regarding the meeting we had planned to have with the congregation next week. The question of What are we trying to gain by this? came up. Are we trying to inform the people about our situation, are we asking them to help us set goals for the future? It was decided we would postpone this meeting and do some research regarding what other churches are doing to draw people in. Vickie will research Emmanuel, and others will ask around to people we know who attend other churches. We would like to have this wrapped up by the end of September so we can meet with the congregation. We will draw up our individual plan and present it to the team at our next meeting on May 9th.

There was no further business, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Goins

Secretary