



Admin Board Meeting

8/28/2023

North Campus Choir Room

Last night's meeting was a follow up to discuss moving forward after the vote. Three items on the agenda to cover.

- What's Next – Ross Olhausen
- Financial Obligations – Bill Coffeen
- Signed Agreement – Robert Mooney

The meeting opened at 7:02 with Ron Hoover asking new committee chairpersons and new members at large to introduce themselves.

New Committee Chairpersons

- Judy Davis – Missions
- Monty Allen – Stewardship

New at Large Members

- Trina Weaver
- Corky Klann
- Sam Renick
- MaryJane Higman
- Cathy Purswell

Opening remarks from Ron Hoover at 7:05. Ron shared his thoughts about the caring and impact of ministry through the love of Jesus Christ. Ron shared a passage of scripture "Thou shall love thy neighbor as thyself" from Matthew 22:39. Ron also recognized Eddie Fletcher who was called to serve and thankful for those who joined him during the time of discernment.

Ron Moore provided the devotion at 7:08. Shared a brief story about Albert Einstein traveling on a train and could not find his ticket. When approached by the conductor he replied, "I know who I am – don't know where I'm going". Ron also shared that we are Children of God and eternally important. Using the ministries of the church who serve our congregation and community. Examples:

- Alicia Iles – Children Ministry
- Christine Salazar – Music Ministries
- Lora Parker-Gayler – Youth Ministries
- Shelly Kubek – Pre School
- Mark Hellman – Missions and Recreation

Ron also mentions volunteer opportunities outside the Admin Board

- Opportunities for the congregation to get involved.
- Opportunities for those who have retired to serve.

Ron closed his devotion with prayer at 7:25

Ross Olhausen – Where Will We Land?

Ross and the committee discussed options on where we go after the vote to disaffiliate. The committee discussed the following topics.

- First – The Conclusion: What options are available? Do we affiliate with GMC or seek options as an Independent Church. Ideally would like the conclusion in 6-12 months.
- Criteria Considered – Theological, Interim, Long Term
- Decision Critical Criteria
- Denominations Considered
- Denominations Eliminated from Consideration
- Denominations Considered – After eliminations.
- GMC – Pros and Cons
- Independent – Pros and Cons

Ross is working on an updated version of his presentation. We will post the updated version (with detail of each bullet point) in the resource section of the Church Center App.

Bill Coffeen – Financial Obligations

- Disaffiliation Fees
 - 12-month apportionment
 - Portion of unfunded pension liability
- Already raised through pledges 45% of the \$207,689.83
- Stretch goal to raise \$220,000 to cover unexpected / additional expenses.
 - Example: Removal of Flame from Cross above South Campus Sanctuary
- Prayerfully asking and encouraging others to pledge to help the church achieve its financial obligations.
- The Church is in a great financial position moving forward.
- \$5,100 in grants from the UMC have to be reimbursed as part of the disaffiliation fees.
- Financial obligations will be paid by the end of the calendar year.

Robert Mooney – Signed Agreement

1. DWMC held a Church Conference on 8/27/23 where disaffiliation from United Methodist Church was approved by at least 2/3 of the voting church members.
2. A Disaffiliation Agreement was signed by the DWMC Board of Trustees during the Church Conference referenced above.
3. The agreement included, but was not limited to, the following points:
 - a. The Disaffiliation Agreement must be ratified by a simple majority vote during the next North Ga. Conference meeting on Nov. 18th, 2023.
 - b. Should DWMC comply with all obligations within the Disaffiliation Agreement in a timely manner, the disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church will be effective Nov. 30th, 2023.
 - c. DWMC shall have the right to retain its real and personal property (tangible and intangible) free of charge, once it pays to the Annual Conference a sum equal to the following:
 - i. Any costs associated with transfer of title.
 - ii. Any unpaid apportionments for the 12 months prior to Nov 30th, 2023.
 - iii. An additional 12-month apportionment as calculated by the Annual Conference.
 - iv. DWMC pro-rated share of any unfunded pension obligations.
 - v. Any other funds related to conference-provided benefits that are direct-billed to DWMC for benefits provided up to 30 days past Nov. 30th, 2023.
 - vi. Any grants or direct contributions that have been paid by Annual Conference to DWMC within a 4-year period preceding Nov. 30th, 2023.
 - d. Calculation from Item “c” above is approximately **\$233,986.13**. (\$207,689.83)
 - e. DWMC must either satisfy or transfer any other debts to its new entity.
 - f. DWMC must cease the use of intellectual property of the United Methodist church, including but not limited to, the Cross & Flame insignia. All paraments, hymnals and worship elements must be returned to the Conference.
 - g. DWMC and/or the new entity must seek its own tax-exempt status.
 - h. SHOULD DWMC FAIL TO SATISFY ALL OBLIGATIONS WITHIN THE AGREEMENT BY DECEMBER 30TH, 2023 THE AGREEMENT BECOMES NULL AND VOID.**

David Campbell – Closing Remarks

- Recognized that Ron and Carol Hoover will celebrate their 60th Anniversary!!
- What a joy and honor to serve as your pastor at Due West
- No more questions or distractions – let’s have a clear view moving forward.
- Priorities moving forward should be a time of healing.
- Let’s “Be the Church” of Jesus Christ.

David closed the meeting with prayer at 8:11

Attendance

Allison	Sligh
Alicia	Iles
Bill	Coffeen
Eddie	Fletcher
Robert	Mitchell
Lew	Amick
David	Campbell Sr.
Christine	Salazar
Lora	Parker-Gayler
Kerri	Casteel
Marianna	Drinkard
Darren	Frost
Cindy	Knupp
Larry	Sago
Shelly	Kubek
Ron	Moore
Mark	Hellman
Jane	Swanson
Ron	Hoover
Ross	Olhausen
Tammy	Teague
Terri	Kilpatrick
Matthew	Boullain
Samuel	Gindlesberger
Robert	Mooney
Monty	Allen
Judy	Davis
Cathy	Purswell
Trina	Weaver
Corky	Klann
Sam	Renick
MaryJane	Higman

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