



Admin Board Meeting

01/29/2024

North Campus Choir Room

Ron Hoover opened the meeting at 7:04 quoting scripture from John 3:16

Lew Amick led us with an opening prayer at 7:05

Minutes from the October meeting was approved electronically.

Marianna Drinkard provided the evening devotional titled: Saucer or Sieve? Cup or Colander?

We all have weaknesses and imperfections. These holes in our armor allows God's glory to shine through. Saucer and a cup hold water, yet a sieve and colander allow water to run through. We must be confident and morally right to build a coat of armor (cup or saucer) to protect us from the evils in the world. The weaknesses and imperfections are the holes (sieve or colander) in our armor. It's only when we admit our weaknesses and humbly defer to God, that his glory can shine through us. Marianna closed with prayer; Know when to be a cup and willing to be a sieve. How can you shine God's light?

Ministry Area Reports

Trustees – Leila Klann

1. Renovation of S-219 will begin in early February. The first steps are to redo the lighting. After that we will focus on painting.
2. Exploring renovations to the North Campus Narthex to help create a more comprehensive and welcoming visitor experience.
3. Exploring a new Kitchen Usage policy.
4. Exploring new staff, visitor, and congregation campus safety policy.
5. We have not been asked to serve as a Warming Shelter by MUST but are still available.

Finance – Darren Frost

- 2023-2024 (Dec): \$ 189,922 in giving and \$175,444 in expenses.
- 2023-2024 (YTD): \$ 943,439 in giving and \$987,293 in expenses.
- Disaffiliation fees were collected and paid with no impact on the operating budget!

Alicia Iles – Children’s Ministries

- Hanging of the Greens service/Family Advent celebration was held December 3 and was a great event.
- dwCrew Christmas party was held December 10 at Big Air. We continue to meet a few times a month after church services.
- Wonderfully Made will be held February 8-10 with Kelly Duncan leading again this year.
- The Children’s Ministry team is working closely with Young Families and Jane Swanson to plan the Spring Fling this year. This event will be March 24 (Palm Sunday).
- Summer Camp registration opens February 1 and VBS registration opens April 1.

Pre-School – Shelly Kubek

- Ended the year with our Preschool Christmas Program. Each child receives a book that told Christmas story in a age appropriate way
- We started off the new year with Registration for 2024-25 school year.
- Currently over 90% of our students have re-enrolled for next year.
- 192 on the role
- We conducted 36 tours and we had over 50% of tours signed up as of today.
- We are still taking registration for all ages except 3’s (which is a waitlist)
- 35 on staff. Shelly shared that 2 individuals are dealing with cancer. Keep these two in your prayers.

Youth Ministries- Wes Anderson

- Ski Trip Feb 17-20
 - 32 attendees
- Spiritual Life Retreat at Glisson
 - March 8-10
- Wes is planning a summer mission trip in June through Praying Pelican Mission Company.
- Wes Anderson will continue to run the program with administrative support from Millie Skinner and Taylor G. and our awesome team of volunteers!
- **Lora’s last day at Due West was yesterday, Jan 28. She is staying local (just down the road at McEachern) and looks forward to running into you at the grocery store and about town!
*Thanks for all the support over the past 7 years!***
- The Delaney pictures will continue on her social media!!

Adult Education – Marianna Drinkard

Sunday School Totals by year:

2018 --- 10,252
2019 --- 10,162
2020 --- 4,566
2021 --- 5,485
2022 --- 5,517
2023 --- 5,556

Small Group Totals by year:

2018 --- 666 [just recorded last of year]
2019 --- 769
2020 --- 520
2021 --- 1,125
2022 -- 8,562
2023 --- 4,429

- **Not all small groups report**
- **Small group spike from 2021 – 2022 / Returning from Covid**

Women's Ministries – Presented by Marianna Drinkard

- Speaker Debbie Childers. Lunch provided on Saturday afternoon.
- Beauty of Fellowship still continues to meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
- Single Moms Ministry is moving from every month to most likely every third month.
- A new women's bible study will be starting soon and will be held on Wednesday evenings.

Methodist Men – Larry Sago

- December - January - Light the Night! Great work from the Men's Group from setup to tear down!!
- Looking to expand ministry to other groups.
- March 9th - Men's Stay Treat- Local Retreat

Bill Coffeen – Legacy

- We're delighted to report that our general endowment fund has broken \$90,000 and investment returns are solid. We hope to distribute some of the earnings to ministries in need toward the end of the year. Quarterly estate planning seminars have garnered over 50 participants over the last 18 months and are perceived to be quite helpful based upon attendee feedback. We're looking to offer a Women Only Financial Literacy class in April. Look for more "Did You Know" articles in both newsletters and Insight in coming months. Remember, your present and planned gifts will be used in perpetuity.
- Bill would also like to record testimonials as to why they have contributed to the Legacy Fund.
- Bill shared the success and strength of the Scout Program.
 - 200 members strong
 - 60th anniversary
 - Introducing the 1st Eagle Scout
 - Reflection of the last 60 years

Music Ministries – Christine Salazar

- Four concerts in 24 hours! Busy season for music!!
- Interns
 - Katy Helyn Cowart
 - Meghan Franklin
- Orchestra Scholarship Update: Logan Lewis 1st recipient
- Building A audio upgrade: Trent, Robbie, and Matt all helped with upgrades.
- Building A future upgrades: Fix lighting issues and upgrade PA
- Easter plans: Kids to open worship.

Center for the Arts

- JTF: Junior Theatre Festival
- Spring Programs - 65 kids! Increase from 23
- Summer Camps - 10!
- Cue West Musical: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat!!*
- Fund Raising

Mission/Evangelism – Judy Davis / Mark Hellman

- Murphy Harpst Christmas
- Compton Elementary School Christmas Angel Tree
- Together for Families
 - Food pantry and Coat Drive
- Operation Christmas Child – 200 boxes assembled!
- Exploratory meeting at Table on Delk
- Reverse Advent Calendar to support Food Pantry
- Food drive to support Backpack Ministry
- Trained and assisted in South Cobb area Homeless to Home
- Winter Break – 4 players from Osburne HS will venture on their first mission trip to the Dominican Republic. Three of the players have never left Cobb County. These players received bibles which they have never owned. Also, three coaches will be attending as well. Money is being raised to help fund their trip. What a great opportunity for these players to share the gospel!!
- In-Door soccer was a success. Gearing up for outdoor soccer. Information being sent out to let parents and children know about the great work and programs that exists at Due West. **More than just a place to play soccer!!**

Media Ministries – Matt Boullain

- Hailey did a great job as an intern! Had to move on to start paying for college.
- Big PA System restructure/upgrade success
- Summer Camps webpage
- If ministries need a webpage, please communicate that to me ASAP
- Focus for the month: Livestream quality/stability.
- Create a supply of banner graphics that we can cycle through during slower months.
- ***Sorry I couldn't be there tonight, got a sick kid at home :(***

Staff Parish Relations – Dusty Cantrell

- Sam Gindlesberger became ordained under the Global Methodist Church at the beginning of the year. We will be celebrating with Sam, Taylor, and the family tentatively on 2/11/24.
- Lora Parker Gayler has resigned her position as Youth Minister and has left employment here at the Church as of 1/28/24. A celebration for her and her service to our Church was held last night during Ignite and we wish her and her family nothing but the best in the future.
- A committee has been set up to explore and interview potential candidates and we will update the Board as that process continues.
- Wes Anderson, with assistance from Taylor Gindlesberger, will step in to continue to lead our youth as we search for a full-time replacement.

Stewardship – Monty Allen

- As of 1/22/2024, we had 134 pledges totaling \$1,013,080 (average of \$7,560 per pledge).
- Pastor David did all the heavy lifting for the Stewardship campaign with 3 wonderful sermons in November with the theme of “Made Rich to be Generous.” The featured Bible passage was II Corinthians 9:11-12.

Key takeaways:

- “Stewardship isn’t about money, it’s about life.”
- “Being a steward is like being a property manager; you don’t own the property; you manage it for the owner.”
- Everything we have belongs to God, and we are called to be stewards for the glory of God.”
- Due West 101: talk about stewardship.
- Being a member of Due West means something more than money. Getting involved with outstanding ministries and serving others in the church and community.
- Encourage those who have not pledged.

Director of Discipleship – Sam Gindlesberger

Bonfire Update:

- Meeting tomorrow!
Upcoming Worship Night Feb. 6th
Goal – have their own worship time.
- Due West 101:
Planning in place: Feb 25th/ Mar 3rd
Very excited and blessed to have 24 registrations so far!!
Building relationships with deeper engagement while getting to know the ministries of Due West
- Spring Fling → Easter Eggstravaganza
Easter Walk, Egg Hunt, and Barnyard Friends
Volunteers Needed! Signups coming soon!
12 stations for families to visit with their children that tell the story of Easter.

Discipleship:

- Disciple Bible Study Groups Meeting
- Upcoming Lenten Study Group with Dr. Joe Howell
4–5-week classes / deeper dive into sermon series / dates to follow

Disaffiliation

- ***A big thank you to Eddie Fletcher for serving as our compliance officer. His attention to detail assisted each subcommittee in the completion of their tasks.***
- Pastor David will talk about some of the future events during his Pastor’s Report.

Pastor Report

- Filling Kyle Moore's spot on the board
Paul Stepheson has shown interest.
- Lathem's visit and Next Step's Gathering
February 4th at 4:00. Present info on GMC with Q&A to follow.
February 10th at Norcross Methodist – 10:00 – 3:30
Please be reminded that these are exploratory meetings to present info on GMC.
- Sabbatical – David wants to file application for sabbatical 2025 after Easter Sunday and back in August.
- Strategic Planning Task Force
- Search committee update:
 - Foundational work to apply.
 - Job Description
 - Getting work done now before accepting resumes
 - Next meeting is Super Bowl Sunday
- Eddie/Ron/Leila: Many thanks for the incredible amount of work during the disaffiliation process
- Due West is blessed to have people with their expertise and attention to detail.
- Start talking about the By Laws. Review for next month's meeting

Admin Board Votes

The Admin Board voted on three issues during the meeting. A motion was carried for all three. All three were seconded, and all three passed with a majority show of hands.

- Filling Kyle Moore's spot as an at large member. There was motion for Paul Stephenson to fill the spot. It was successful.
- There was a motion for David Campbell to file an application for a sabbatical in 2025. It was successful.
- Establish a task force to review the mission statement and establish 1-3-5-year goals for the church. It was successful.

Attendance

Alicia Iles

Bill Coffeen

Eddie Fletcher

Robert Mitchell

Lew Amick

David Campbell

Christine Salazar

Butch Gaudette

Marianna Drinkard

Darren Frost

Larry Sago

Shelly Kubek

Ron Moore

Mark Hellman

Ron Hoover

Tammy Teague

Dusty Cantrell

Sam Gindlesberger

Monty Allen

Corky Klann

Leila Klann

Sam Renick

MaryJane Higman