



### Admin Board Meeting

11/06/2023

### North Campus Choir Room

Ron Hoover opened the meeting at 7:01 providing a medical update on David Campbell. Positive news from doctor visit with new infusion treatment that will make a huge and quick difference in the next few days. We continue keeping David in our prayers!!

Ron then shared with us a common Biblical theme of influence from 5 Presidents:

- **Andrew Jackson:** "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic stands"
- **Abraham Lincoln:** "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has given to man."
- **Harry S. Truman:** "The fundamental basis of this nations laws was given to Moses on the Mount"
- **Zachery Taylor:** "The Bible is the best book, and I wish it were in the hands of everyone."
- **Ronald Reagan:** "The Bible and its teachings helped form the basis for the Founding Fathers."

An inspiring devotion was provided by Christine Salazar: **Leaving a Lifeguard Protected Area**

Even though you may be feeling alone and helpless, God's gifts and creation provides a pleasing comfort and beauty. Shared examples about the 2014 cancer diagnosis of family members. They are not alone because of their faith in Christ. Shared Biblical Scripture:

- **Exodus: 14:14** – The Lord will fight for you.
- **James: 4:8** – Come near to God and he will come near to you.
- **John: 16:30** – Now we see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions.
- **Summary:** Hardship and persecution will come, but believers should remain faithful, knowing this is all part of God's knowledge and His will.

### Sam Gindlesberger – By Laws

#### Committee Update

- **Activity since last meeting**
  - Explanation Guide
  - Received and responded to all feedback.
  - Made some revisions.

The By Laws committee met and responded to feedback they received. Minor changes to grammar, and some phrasing. The big change was the rewording of Article 3 Section C. Hopefully the changes stay within the recommended legal guidelines.

### **Proposed / Article 3 Section C**

#### **C. Automatic Termination of Membership**

1. The membership of any individual member shall automatically terminate without notice if:
  - a. The member in question have not attended a regular worship service of the church in the preceding 12 months and the church has made a reasonable effort to contact them. This provision may be waived at the direction of the pastor and the Administrative Board upon the showing of good cause.
  - b. The member adopts options – verbally, in print, or any other manner or medium that are in direct contravention to the church’s statement of faith. Since the agreement with the church’s statement of faith is a requirement for membership in this church, the members non-conforming statement will be treated by the pastor and the Admin Board as a member’s resignation.
  - c. The member unites in membership with another church.
  - d. The member files a lawsuit in violation of the statement of faith.
  - e. The Member dies.
2. For any membership terminated in accordance with the above provisions, with the exception of memberships terminated under (e) above, the church may send a letter informing the prior member of the termination, but it is not required.

### **Finalized / Article 3 Section C**

#### A. Maintenance of Membership Rolls

#### B.

The desire of the church is always to maintain, encourage, and grow its membership. To maintain an accurate roll of voting members, an appropriate committee will oversee matters regarding the resignation or dismissal of church membership.

1. Voluntary resignation of church membership. Members are free to surrender their membership at any time. Occasions for voluntary surrender of membership include
  - a. A member unites in membership with another church.
  - b. A member files a lawsuit against the church without following the process of Christian arbitration described in Article 11.
  - c. A member engages in actions, speech, or publications in contravention of the church’s “Statement of Faith” that directly threaten the unity of the congregation. Such non-conforming behaviors will be treated by the pastor and the Administrative Board as the member’s resignation.
2. Review of the membership rolls. An appropriate committee will annually review the membership rolls to maintain an accurate list of voting members.
  - a. Deceased members. Deceased members will be removed from the roll.
  - b. Non-participating members. Members who have not participated in the worship and activities of the church for the prior 12 months may be considered for removal from the roll. The infirm, shut-ins, and medically quarantined members are exempt from this review. An appropriate committee will make a reasonable effort to contact non-participating members to determine their wishes. Removal of non-participating members from the membership roll may be waived at the discretion of the pastor and/or the Administrative Board upon showing good cause.

It was requested to read the statement of faith to the Admin Board. After it was read, there was a motion to be approved and it was seconded.

There was a motion to approve the By Laws and it was seconded. Passed by majority vote.

### Recommendation from SPR

- The SPR Committee makes the following recommendations for the positions of Senior Pastor and Director of Discipleship/Assistant Pastor.
- Senior Pastor: Dr. David Campbell
- Assistant Pastor/Director of Discipleship: Sam Gindlesberger
- Motion on the floor to follow the recommendations:
  - Senior Pastor: Dr. David Campbell
  - Assistant Pastor/Director of Discipleship: Sam Gindlesberger
- **There was a motion to approve the appointments and it was seconded. Passed by majority vote.**

### Branding:

- Suggested to complete the minimal legal effort for compliance.
- Keep the logo the same – go with what we have.
- Less confusing to the congregation.
- Name to propose to the congregation.
  - Due West Methodist Church
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- Ballots were passed out to voting members.
  - Votes were collected and counted by Bob Mitchell and Lew Amick
  - **Due West Methodist Church won the simple majority.**
  - Requested not to broadcast the vote results to the congregation.

Bill Coffeen shared that positive strides are being made toward the disaffiliation fund. Encouraged everyone to reach out to other members to participate. As of this meeting, over \$140,000 of the \$220,000 needed has been collected.

### Voting Summary

- **By Laws – passed by majority vote.**
- **Senior Pastor / Assistant Pastor recommendations – passed by majority vote.**
- **Church name Ballot – Due West Methodist Church passed by simple majority.**

**Ron Hoover closed the meeting with prayer at 8:03**

# Attendance

Alicia Iles

Bill Coffeen

Eddie Fletcher

Robert Mitchell

Lew Amick

Christine Salazar

Kerri Casteel

Butch Gaudette

Marianna Drinkard

Darren Frost

Cindy Knupp

Shelly Kubek

Ron Moore

Fritz Hutchinson Jr.

Mark Hellman

Ron Hoover

Tammy Teague

Dusty Cantrell

Sam Gindlesberger

Robert Mooney

Monty Allen

Corky Klann

Trina Weaver