



Admin Board Meeting

02/26/2024

North Campus Choir Room

Ron Hoover opened the meeting at 7:03 welcoming Paul Stephenson to the Admin Board

Followed by reading scripture from Revelations 2:4 But here is something I hold against you. You have turned away from the love you had at first. Then reflecting on the Holy Habit Series of Prayer, Bible Study, Faith, and Fasting.

Ron Hoover opened with prayer at 7:05

Ron Moore delivered the devotional. Expressing his gratitude toward Pastor David for his pastoral care and new series on Holy Habits. We are very grateful and blessed that God put both David and Sam at Due West!

Devotional: *Things Are Not Always What They Seem*. Sometimes we prejudge individuals and situations based on initial impression. Provided several examples.

- Young David Allen who passed out in church. Not because it was so hot that day. He had found Jesus.
- Initial impression when Christine first came onboard as our Musical Director. The purple hair raised some eyebrows. She has kept the tradition of developing an outstanding music ministry!
- Tom Davisisms: Anyone who enters the church is very important. How would Jesus think and respond.

Ron shared a photo of Jason Bradley DeFord. Emerging Country Music artist who was recently nominated for CMA Award for Best New Artist. Looks and appearance are deceiving. Before making it as an artist, Jason spent time in prison for armed robbery. Also, a former drug dealer. He testified before congress to support a bill called FEND to help combat the country's fentanyl crisis. The single Save Me off his Self-Medicating album is a story about the undoing of addiction and finding a way out.

Minutes from the January meeting was approved electronically.

## Ministry Area Reports

### Trustees – Leila Klann

- Classroom 219 in South Campus lighting project
- Installing outdoor electrical outlets on the E-sign on Due West Rd yard
- North Campus Narthex update to make it more welcoming to visitors.
- Addressing leaks around steeple on North Campus Sanctuary
- FLC stage rebuild to make it safer and to include more storage. March 25<sup>th</sup> projected start date.
- Addressing leaks on FLC roof
- Long term planning: Building A exterior painting, North Campus sanctuary painting, parking lot repaving

### Finance – Darren Frost

- 2023-2024 (Jan): \$ 188,550 in giving and \$143,655 in expenses.
- 2023-2024 (YTD): \$ 1,131,989 in giving and \$1,130,948 in expenses.
- Disaffiliation funds remaining: \$52,000 The committee recommends we leave funds in place until a decision is made regarding a potential new affiliation.
- ***\$52,000 is in a restricted account. There was a motion to leave these funds as is. There was a first and second motion to leave. The vote was unanimously approved by show of hands.***

### Alicia Iles – Children’s Ministries

- Wonderfully Made was held February 8-10. There were 18 kids/6 adults in attendance.
- VBS and Summer Camp registration opened this month. Volunteers needed.
- dwCrew will meet on February 25, March 3 & March 17. Our end of school year party will be held April 21.
- PJs and Pop Tarts on Daylight Savings Sunday.
- Working with Young Families on planning/execution of Easter Eggstravaganza on March 24.

### Pre-School – Shelly Kubek

- Nancy Alfieri passes away after 28 years working at preschool. A memorial service is on March 2nd - We are planning to honor her at the school.
- Registration for 2024- 25 school year is taking place now.
- New floors have been approved for
- Preschool. We will have LVT in the classroom and carpet tiles in hallways.
- Cobb county Sheriff office came to visit our threes year olds classrooms for Community helpers this month.
- 196 enrolled in Pre-School
- Amy the Fox from Kindergarten went with Mrs. Kunkel to Disney World this past week for Winter Break

### Youth Ministries- Wes Anderson

- Very Successful ski trip!

## College Ministries – Michelle Z / Bree C

- No Report

## Adult Education – Marianna Drinkard

<u>JANUARY</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>		
	<u>2022</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>
Sunday School	487	493	514
Small groups	237	352	679

Steady increase in small group attendance as well as Sunday School classes.

## Women’s Ministries – Kerri Casteel

- February Ladies Night Out: Mackenzie Chester (The Sacred of Everyday), 25 women attended with a nice mix of ages. One of our best events and well received.
- Stay-Retreat is March 8th and 9th: Speaker and comedian Debbie Childers. Comedy and dinner Friday night and a deep dive into the bible on Saturday with lunch and close at 2:00. The theme is Abide and Grow. As of 2/20 we had 32 women signed up and have room for 18 more.
- New women’s bible study coming: I am Ezer by Michelle Harrell. Looking at Wednesday night’s starting probably around March.
- Single Mom’s Ministry now meets once a quarter. And Beauty of Fellowship is still meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month.
- Church Member to start new small group class: Sister in Christ

## Methodist Men – Larry Sago

- Habitat for Humanity - March Fundraiser - \$7100 Goal - Last year \$6500  
Overall building costs escalated from \$125,000 to \$140,000 this year.
- March 9th - 8:30am-2:30pm -Men’s Local Stay-Treat at the Hunt House in Kennesaw  
Speaker - Joe Howell - *The Future is Now: Jesus and the Kingdom*  
Cost \$100 includes Continental Breakfast and Catered Lunch Sign up for the retreat on the Church Center App. Anyone interested in attending please sign up. Fees will be waived if necessary
- Planning underway to rebuild the FLC stage. Also, work on shed to clean and organize.

## Bill Coffeen – Legacy

- We’re working on adding both written and oral testimonies of endowment contributors to our website.
- Our committee members are committed to making both planned gifts and annual contributions to our church’s endowment.
- We encourage all members of the Administrative Board to prayerfully consider doing the same if they haven’t already done so. Doing so this year will ensure that our endowment can make a distribution to ministries in need in 2024.
- Bill challenged the group to participate.

### **Music Ministries – Christine Salazar**

- Holy Week Recap
- Orchestra Scholarship Update: FIVE!
- CFA
  - Stage Rebuild
  - Little Mermaid-  
March 22&23
- Due West Center for The Arts Presents: Encore – A Musical Review
  - March 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7PM
  - Advance Tickets \$10
  - Tickets at the Door \$12

### **Mission/Evangelism – Judy Davis / Mark Hellman**

- Summer trips are being promoted.
- Trip leader training will be held in March.
- Exploring partnership with TMS Global to help with training and creating a deeper spiritual element to our trips and programs.
- Exploring creating a “spiritual tools” survey to help church members become more aware of their God given talents and tools.
- Working on creating a functional Missions Committee
- Two key positions needed: Mission and Summer Lunch Program
- Need 1-2 people to help with July 4<sup>th</sup> 5K race.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> Spring Workday – AM & PM sessions.
- The new Pickleball Rec Program will get underway May 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Media Ministries – Matt Boullain**

- New Logo Branding Style & Folder
- Livestream stability
- TVs around campus
- Announcement Video volunteers progress!
- Newsletter articles
- Light bulbs in sanctuary lights
- Branding Style Guide PDF
- Webpages to update/build
  - Teach/Love
  - Scouts
  - Habitat for Humanity
  - Easter Season Services
- Maybe a Summer Media Intern

### **Staff Parish Relations – Dusty Cantrell**

- Was not able to join tonight.... here is my update...
- Staff Parish celebrated Lora for her service to DWMC and also Celebrated with Sam on his Ordination with the Global MC.
- Big Thanks to Avery Flower who organized all of these celebrations and also thanks to all on our committee who helped to put on both of these worthy celebrations.

## **Stewardship – Monty Allen**

- As of last Thursday, we had 134 pledges for a total of \$1,103,080 (average of \$8,232 each).
- We have 487 individual members (actually a few more, but we don't yet have their contact information); this member total is made up of around 265 families (estimate from Nan Relf, as Church Center doesn't capture "family" data).
- From those 265 families, we have 109 pledges for a total of \$927,580.
- So, that means we have 25 pledges from non-members for \$175,500.
- All this means that around 59% of all member families have not made a pledge.
- Working on developing a plan / program to encourage every family to make a pledge to our church, perhaps tying it to our Membership Covenant, to which each new member has committed, which includes "Offering to the church a part of the financial blessings I have received from God."

## **Associate Pastor – Sam Gindlesberger**

- Not available tonight. With his wife Taylor and their family in Alabama attending to her ailing mother.

## **Congregational Care**

- CCMs continue to make visits to congregational members who are in need, as well as serve communion most weeks. There will be a new class for people who want to join, probably in August.

## **Pastor Report**

- Annual Business Meeting to be held 19 MAY.
- To that end, the nominating committee will soon be at work.
- Also, we are approaching Staff Evaluation season.
- Last month, this body approved establishing a strategic planning task force. Ron, Ross and I have met twice to discuss the makeup of the committee as well as the process we plan to follow. We will keep the group updated.
- Due West 101 Class was well attended with 50 people. Had 3 no shows and 10 walk-ins. Second session will be held Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup>

## **Next Meeting**

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 25<sup>th</sup>. Focus will be on The By-Laws
- What's next: Explore options for "Where do we go from here."
  - GMC
  - Independent

## Attendance

Alicia Iles

Bill Coffeen

Eddie Fletcher

Robert Mitchell

Lew Amick

David Campbell Sr.

Christine Salazar

Kerri Casteel

Butch Gaudette

Marianna Drinkard

Darren Frost

Larry Sago

Shelly Kubeck

Ron Moore

Fritz Hutchinson Jr.

Mark Hellman

Jane Swanson

Ron Hoover

Ross Olhausen

Tammy Teague

Matt Boullain

Monty Allen

Judy Davis

Corky Klann

Sam Renick

MaryJane Higman

Leila Klann

Paul Stephenson

