



# DueWest

## Admin Board Meeting

03/25/2024

## North Campus Choir Room

Ron Hoover opened the meeting with prayer and comments on Holy Week. Remembering Jesus during this special season. Ron took a minute to reflect on his 2019 trip to Israel. Calling us to remember and celebrate.

Larry Sago's devotional was titled "Fully Charged". Shared thoughts staying spiritually charged through Holy Habits. Maintaining the charge with spiritual energy.

Minutes from the February meeting was approved electronically.

Thanks to Butch Gaudette and Eddie Fletcher for taking notes and contributing to the content of this month's minutes!!

**Affiliation Process: There was a motion to wait till after the convening conference in September to plan a congregational vote for October 13<sup>th</sup>. Motion Approved**

## Ministry Area Reports

### Trustees – Leila Klann

- Fantastic workday. Leave removal, painting, furniture cleaning, door cleaning etc.
- Spring break week: South Campus sidewalk project to be started and completed.
- FLC stage renovation project has started.
- Taking bids on North Campus sanctuary ceiling painting project.

### Finance – Darren Frost

- 2023-2024 (Jan): \$ **147,021** in giving and \$**175,484** in expenses.
- 2023-2024 (YTD): \$ **1,279,010** in giving and \$**1,306,434** in expenses.
- Currently reviewing 2024-2025 Proposed Budget.
- Vote to come in our April meeting.

### Alicia Iles – Children's Ministries

- dwCrew (3rd-5th grade) party on April 21 from 1-3 at NinjaFit. Cost is \$7
- Vacation Bible School (June 3-6) registration is currently open, and we are in great need of volunteers. We need at least 125 volunteers to run the program and we currently have 24.
- Summer Camp registration is open. dwKids will host 2 weeks of preschool camp and 4 weeks of science camp.

**Pre-School – Shelly Kubek**

- New Floors will be installed in the preschool hall the week of June 10th.
- Registration for 2024- 25 school year is going well. We have a few spots in some of our age levels. Please promote it and become Facebook friends with us.
- The focus in the Preschool Ministry in March is Easter. We learned about all of the events of Easter week, concentrating on the “parade” of palm branches on Palm Sunday and the miracle of the empty tomb on Easter Sunday.

**Youth Ministries- Wes A / Taylor G**

- **Spiritual Life Retreat:**  
17 youth, 6 chaperones
- **Upcoming:**  
Celebrating Graduates May 5th at 11am service  
Legacy Ignite on May 5th.  
Step Up Ignite on May 19<sup>th</sup>!
- **In Process:**  
Summer Mission Days  
Summer Trip  
Weekly Summer Ignite Gatherings

**Adult Education – Marianna Drinkard**

**ADULT EDUCATION**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE	Sunday School	Small groups
January	514	679
February	508	776
March	556	482 [through 3/21]
	1,578	1,937
Both together = 3,515		

**Women’s Ministries – Kerri Casteel**

- The Women’s Stay-Retreat was awesome. We had 52 women attend.
- Working on a late spring “Get to Know You” get together. New women of the church introduction to women of the church. Ice breakers, snacks and giveaways along with yearly event information.
- Hosting an end of the year Muffins for moms in May for the preschool carlines. Three beach bag giveaways will be given to the lucky tag numbers, 1 from each of the carlines. Information on women’s ministry will be provided to each car as well.

**Methodist Men – Larry Sago**

- March 9th - DW Men’s Retreat - 33 Attendees
- March 13th - Cleanup Church Storage Shed
- March 25 -????? Rebuild a new Stage in Family Life Center

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

- Holy Week has begun.
- CFA Stage Rebuild has begun!
- Updated “soundboard” computers.
- Little Mermaid HUGE success
- Joseph auditions in April

### **Looking Forward:**

- Working with integrator
  - Building A lighting
  - FLC lighting & stage upgrades
  - Addressing FLC mics
- **Freedom Sunday June 30**

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

- Due West was awarded Volunteer Partner of the Year by Advocates for Children.
- Holding training for Summer Lunch. Over 20 people have volunteered to assist this summer.
- Hosting a short-term mission trip training for District 10, Global Methodist Church.
- Cancelled the Wisconsin, Chippewa Indian Reservation trip. All other mission trips are on and filling up.

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

- We’ve got Easter coming up, so a lot of prep work and audio for events leading up to it!
- Made new graphics for Welcome Centers
- To-Do:
  - Assist with filming and editing DW101 videos.
  - Eggstravaganza video edit coming soon!

### **Stewardship – Monty Allen**

- Submitted my first article for the Due West MC monthly newsletter (should be out in about a week)
- Theme was “What is Stewardship?”, included a link to our Giving site, and encouraged our congregants to complete a Pledge card to assist us with crafting our annual budget.
- Provided an update on YTD Giving and Expenses vs. Budget
- Plan is to prepare a piece for each monthly newsletter with a different theme each month, such as “How Much Should I Give?”, tying Stewardship to our Membership Covenant, aligning your priorities with God’s priorities, and giving for the right reasons. Also plan to include regular updates on membership figures, total giving commitments, and Giving and Expense amounts vs. Budget

### **Congregational Care**

- CCMs are active in ministry, averaging 2.5 care receivers for every CCM.
- They continue to help by serving communion weekly.
- In AUG, a new class will begin, if you know anyone who wants to be a Congregational Care Minister!

## Associate Pastor – Sam Gindlesberger

### Due West 101:

- 60 Participants, 50 attended both sessions.
- Next Class will be April 28th & May 5th
- Young Families:
- Easter Eggstravaganza!
- 173+ Easter Walk Cartons + Families.

### Bonfire:

- Meeting tomorrow night 3/26  
Monthly Worship Nights, Mission Opportunities
- Discipleship:
- Lenten Study with Joe Howell
- Maundy Thursday  
Good Friday

## Congregation Vote on GMC Affiliation

- At the August 28, 2023 Admin Board Meeting, we voted to schedule a congregation vote on affiliating with the GMC or remaining independent.
- A 6-to-12-month discernment period was chosen with Admin Board discussion beginning in March 2024.
- Recommendation: August 26, 2024
- This would be the one-year anniversary of our disaffiliation vote.
- Vote planned for October 13<sup>th</sup> to either join GMC or stay Independent.

## By Laws

- All review teams reported / changes electronically.... captured by Matt.
- Updated By Laws will be distributed for review and voted for approval at the next Admin Board meeting.
- By Laws will be presented to the congregation at May 19<sup>th</sup> church business meeting.
- Sub Committee assignments to complete Bylaw's.
  - Eddie / David working on Article 4
  - Sam / Ron working on Article 3
- We will be offering a new, short-term SS class beginning 14 APR for people in their 30s, 40s and 50s. Amy Saye will be teaching, and it will run for six weeks.
- We have a special guest coming in the Fall, Robert Haynes from the John Wesley Institute. He will preach on a Sunday morning and speak on Sunday afternoon about what it means to live as followers of Jesus in the tradition of John Wesley.
- We are looking at inviting Brendan Murphy in AUG. His expertise is in the Holocaust. He has been strongly recommended from some of our members.
- The Youth Director Search committee has been doing foundational work and will soon advertise the position.
- I will be on vacation the week after Easter!

## Next Meeting

- April 22nd

## Attendance

Alicia Iles

Bill Coffeen

Lew Amick

David Campbell

Christine Salazar

Butch Gaudette

Marianna Drinkard

Darren Frost

Larry Sago

Shelly Kubeck

Ron Moore

Mark Hellman

Jane Swanson

Ron Hoover

Ross Olhausen

Tammy Teague

Matt Boullain

Sam Gindlesberger

Monty Allen

Judy Davis

Trina Weaver

Corky Klann

Sam Renick

MaryJane Higman

Leila Klann

Paul Stephenson