



Admin Board Meeting Minutes

February 27, 2023

North Campus Choir Room

Bob Mitchell opened the meeting at 7:00 with devotional about God's unconditional love.

Followed by opening prayer from Psalm 86:15

Thanks for approving the Jan 30th and Feb 5th minutes electronically. Plan is to continue using this method moving forward.

Ministry Area Reports

Trustees – Robert Mooney

- Storage shelves/cages in Family Life Center storage room. Used to hold emergency shelter supplies and Christmas decorations.
- Taking quotes for drainage work on youth center sidewalk.
- Painting and shelving being done in Center for the Arts offices.
- New water fountain installed in South Campus education hallway.
- Sound booth to be built in FLC
- March 26: Church Workday

The voting members of the Admin Board were presented with three scenarios from the Board of Trustees concerning the NCLL proposal sent to the North Georgia Conference. A vote was taken by show of hands on all three motions. A response from the NGC hopefully will occur by end of March.

Motion A: Recommendation from Trustees

If the North Georgia Conference accepts the proposal from NCLL, we direct the Trustees to accept those terms on behalf of the congregation.

- **Motion was approved by majority vote.**

Motion B: Recommendation from Trustees

If the North Georgia Conference rejects the proposal from NCLL, we direct the Trustees to agree to enter into litigation and send the \$2500 designated for this purpose to NCLL.

- **Motion was approved by majority vote.**

Motion C: Recommendation from Trustees

If the North Georgia Conference presents a counteroffer, we ask the Trustees to share that information with us before any decision is made.

- **Motion was approved by majority vote.**

Finance – Darren Frost

- 2022-2023 (January):
- \$171,450 in giving and \$200,477 in expenses.
- 2022-2023 (YTD):
- \$1,097,106 in giving and \$1,191,023 in expenses.

Alicia Iles – Children’s Ministries

- Wonderfully Made held February 9-11. We had 30 kids and 8 adults.... majority from community
- DwCrew had a Super Bowl party, went to Central Gymnastics, and made slime this month. In March we will be having a gym day, a kickball game & a bowling party.

Summer Camps:

- Stellar VBS/After VBS Camp: June 5-8, Registration opens April 1.... volunteers needed.
- Preschool Camp: June 12-15, Registration opens March 1
- Science Camp: 4 weeks,
- Registration currently open
- All info and activities are listed on the website.

Pre-School – Shelly Kubek

- Registration continues for 2023-2024 school year. We have limited opening in the ones, twos, 5-day fours and Kindergarten.
- Cobb County Sheriff office came visited the preschool for Community helper’s month. It was wonderful experience.....1st time since COVID
- We completed a low-cost speech screening for 3-year-olds and older children at the school.

Youth Ministries- Lora Parker-Gayler

Since our last meeting:

- Girls Weekly Small Group - Galentine’s Party
- Disney Fellowship Trip.... **Big Success!**
- Mission Trip Interest Meeting

Upcoming Excitement:

- Regular Ignite Meetings
- Spiritual Life Retreat
- Helping with Spring Fling following SLR
- Senior Celebrations: Brunch- April 22
- Kentucky Mission Trip
- Beach Camp in July
- Lora is very thankful for all the volunteers!

College Ministries – Tracie Cantrell/ Pattie Pass / By Shelly Kubek

- Valentine’s mailing was sent.
- Good luck on finals mailing will be the next and final mailing for the year.

Adult Education – Marianna Drinkard

ADULT EDUCATION

Sunday School attendance **totals** for January-February: **Average:**

1,014

127

Small groups are slowly increasing, and attendance reporting is improving. Several groups are short-term, but most are on-going, and a few are completely new. We continue to invite Due West community to join us as we strive to spread the Good News.

Small group **totals** for January-February: **Average:**

674

24

- *Still challenged to get attendance report submitted.*

Women’s Ministries – Kerri Casteel

- February’s Ladies Night Out was a success. We had 16 registered but had walk-ins so we ended up with about 20 women. Several new ladies came which was a blessing. They seemed to have a good time and asking what’s next!
- March Retreat has been a challenge this year. We are going with a small crowd but know God has the plan at hand and knows the hearts of all that are attending. The leadership team is working to make the event a more intimate setting. We will close Sunday with a devotion by Avery Flower, communion, alter call and finally end in a circle with our final song and prayer before closing the weekend.
- Working on our June Tea. Our theme is the 5 Senses and Kim Brady Arrowood will give her testimony. **Testimony** – Blind at 17 and plays piano by ear.

Methodist Men – Larry Sago

- Habitat for Humanity - 2023 Build (June, July, August) Upcoming Fundraiser
- Men’s Retreat - May 5 -6, Hinton Retreat Center
- Backpack Lunches - Clarksdale & Frey ES / *Kudus to those who prepare the meals!!*
- FLC Shelving - Sound Booth
- New Mission Opportunities / Larry and Sam are working on ways to attract our youth

Music Ministries – Christine Salazar

- Musician’s Gathering is Sunday 4-5:30pm
- Performing music groups rotating through services
- Prepping for Holy Week
- Conceptual design has already begun on Freedom Sunday—Our “Firm Foundation.”
- CFA Spring shows: Legally Blonde Jr and Madagascar Jr
- CFA Summer Camps open March 1
- Looking at Cue West Summer performance opportunities and fundraisers
- Working on 1st Vocal/Health Workshop

Mission/Evangelism – Kerri Casteel / Mark Hellman

Our Church Is Not Pausing!!

- We hosted 12 guests on Friday March 12 for MUST
- Yesterday: partnered with Children’s Ministry to make lunches for Table on Delk
- This Saturday: Volunteers going to Together for Families, and we are providing lunch on Saturday to kids staying at Lost-n-Found Shelter
- Saturday March 11: volunteers to Front Line Response, adopt a block.
- March 15: Homeless to Home Workshop / One of a Kind Event
 - Feeding 90 people / Providing Laundry Service
 - No Leftovers – Food will be taken home by workshop participants.
- March 16: Men’s fellowship at Governors Gun club
- June 10: Men’s Fellowship: Chef it Up!
- June 3-10: Guatemala
- June 3-9: Sweetwater TN sports camp
- June 7-15: Kenya – Headed up by Ron Hoover. Team of 6-8
- July 23-28: Ocoee Outreach Trip – 10 signed up thus far
- September 23-29: Costa Rica

Media Ministries – Matt Boullain / By Christine Salazar

- New Intern Logan - Doing well helping out with media production and Sunday services
- Fully moved out of lair
- New banner for the Front Page
- Easter Services Page is live.
- Still working on cleaning up website, there’s a lot of information to sift through and not enough hours in the day unfortunately.
- Depending on how online petition goes we’ll see if we would want to use that for Congregation-wide voting for things in the future. Tentative idea, still not fully sold on it.
- Now that I’m in the Loft, going to start organizing and inventorying.
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Staff Parish Relations – Dusty Cantrell

- Working on the update to the Employee Handbook and also discussing the Budget for 2023-2024. Avery Flowers is preparing the new handbook.

Stewardship – Bill Coffeen

- The ad hoc petition committee will continue to collect signatures through next Sunday, March 5. We have collected well over 300 signatures at this point excluding our online effort. These petitions will be delivered to our North Georgia Annual Conference the week of March 6 and we pray that the bishop, her cabinet, and the Council of Trustees will have hearts “strangely warmed” and take positive steps to restore our right to vote. Please thank members of this committee for their service: Ron Moore, Butch Gaudette, Marianna Drinkard, Jane Swanson, and Larry Sago.
- From a stewardship perspective, I share the following quote from Mahatma Gandhi.
- “The difference between what we do and what we are capable of doing would suffice to solve most of the world’s problems”. With God’s help everything is possible.

Director of Discipleship – Sam Gindlesberger

- Bonfire: Meeting Tomorrow Night
- Outreach Event Outing April 15th @Craddock Center
- Staff Bible Study – All Are Welcome
- 15:14 Project–New Adult Sunday School (Bryan Ellis)
- Embracing the Scandal–New Lenten Study (Joe Howell). Joe has PHD in American History and Religion. Meeting held Room 219 last for 5 weeks / 6:30-7:30
- Spring Fling–March 19th

Connections Strategies:

- Equipping our leaders
- Working towards digital content
- Spaces to connect young parents.
- Targeting interest

New Business

- None to report

Next Meeting – Chair

- Next Administrative Board Mtg Mar 27 at 7 pm

Pastor's Report

- Visitor's Center - Grateful for those who serve. We have a couple of spots I am currently trying to fill, but volunteers have been great about stepping up and taking those slots in the interim.
- Staff to MUST – Mobil Food Truck a success
- Lent off to a good start.
- Sam did a great job with Ash Wednesday Service
- Denise exploring options of renting theatre for watching Jesus Revolution

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer at 8:08 by David Campbell

Attendance

Barry Taylor	Fritz Hutchinson Jr
Allison Sligh	Gordon Via
Bob Mitchell	Bill Coffeen
Butch Gaudette	Ross Olhausen
Christine Salazar	Larry Sago
Eddie Fletcher	Kerri Casteel
Lora Parker-Gayler	Tammy Teague
David Campbell	Dusty Cantrell
Samuel Gindlesberger	
Sarah Baumhoff	
Terri Kilpatrick	
Darren Frost	
Alicia Iles	
Ron Hoover	
Lew Amick	
Robert Mooney	
Mark Hellman	
Marianna Drinkard	
Ron Moore	
Shelly Kubek	

Approval for February 27, 2023 Minutes

16 of 28 Votes to Approve

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- Marianna Drinkard approved via Church Center App