

McPherson FUMC Leadership Board
Meeting Highlights for January 24, 2024 @ 6pm

The FUMC Leadership Board met on January 24, 2024, with the following members present:

- Voting: Enrique Barreiro, Jessica Ekholm, Manelia Stephenson, Jim Oliver, Clarene Smyres, Phil Durr, Maynard Lewis, Terry Hardman
- Non-voting: Pastor Emily Cannon, Deacon Jeanne Koontz, Judy Sawyer, Sandy Hunter, Amanda Weber
- Guests: Scott Reimer, Amy Warner

Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation – Enrique Barreiro

- Enrique opened with prayer and the following scriptures.
 - 1 Peter 5:1-3 - Sometimes we struggle to put Christ first, but we need to continue to seek him, pray and read scripture daily. We need to prioritize Christ during our leadership board meetings.
 - Proverbs 16:9 - Enrique closed his spiritual formation by asking “Who is directing your path?”

Leadership Equipping – led by Enrique Barreiro

- Elect Chair & Vice-Chair for 2024
 - Enrique asked for affirmation of the language regarding “Elections”, “Terms”, and “Vacancies” to be added to the guiding principles.
 - A public vote for the following roles was taken with unanimous approval.
 - Leadership Board Chair - Enrique Barreiro
 - Leadership Board Vice-Chair - Terry Hardman
 - Leadership Board Secretary - Amanda Weber
 - Enrique wanted the records to show that we will need an alternate secretary to be nominated for executive sessions.
- Follow-up on Questions from Equipping session #1
 - Enrique asked that we take a brief moment to welcome the new members of the board. He asked them to introduce themselves, give us a little background about themselves, and their favorite flavor of ice cream.
 - Terry Hardman
 - Maynard Lewis
 - Judy Sawyer

Packet & Consent Items - Approved

Review of Visitors – led by Pastor Emily

- Enrique asked for a refresher of how we are connecting with those watching online? Emily and Amanda explained how Amanda updated the morning announcement slide show to include a slide asking those at home to check-in as well as that the tech booth will add and pin a comment to the livestream video welcoming everyone and asking people to check-in.

Goal Review & Accountability – led by Jeanne & Emily

- Updates on 1st Quarter Goals
 - Jeanne explained Goals 1 & 2 with the first event being our “Fried Chicken & Spiritual Gifts” event on January 31, 2024.

- Emily explained the remaining goals:
 - Goal 3 - Emily asked the five 1st service members of the board to meet with her after the meeting to schedule a time to meet and begin the worship vitality goal. She wanted to start with a smaller group before bringing it to the congregation.
 - Goal 4 & 5 - A meeting is scheduled for Emily, Jeanne & Judy Sawyer on January 30, 2024.
 - Goal 6 - Emily plans to create a team of people who can share their giving stories, the team will be decided following the spiritual gift inventory.
 - Goal 7 - No Action during the 1st Quarter.
 - Goal 8 - The BMT is working on this goal.
 - Goal 9 - No Action during the 1st Quarter.
 - Goal 10 - Monthly LB Equipping Sessions scheduled for January, February and March.

Strategic Work

- Item #1: Review 2024 Narrative Budget
 - Jeanne presented a document that will be presented to the congregation in a worship service.
- Item #2: Discuss Outreach / Food Cupboard / Diaper Ministry
 - After a unanimous decision, Emily will follow up with Austin and Jessica about integrating the outreach role into the STEPNC Coaches role.
- Item #3: Financial Transparency
 - Enrique suggested that we start by presenting the 2024 Narrative Budget packet Jeanne created to the congregation during worship service so we can highlight all the amazing things we are doing at FUMC and follow that up with special meetings following each service to have an open dialogue with the congregation about finances. Following those meetings we can continue with letters and emails as a campaign to increase giving. It was received unanimously.
 - Specials Meetings will be scheduled for February 4th & 11th.
 - Jeanne asked for volunteers to help create the presentation.
 - Judy suggested that prayer needs to be high priority for this project.

Closing Prayer – Enrique Barreiro

Amanda Weber, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting Date: Equipping Session #2 - February 24, 2024 at 12pm

Monthly LB Meeting - February 28, 2024 at 6 pm