

McPherson FUMC Leadership Board
Meeting Highlights for February 28, 2024 @ 6pm

The FUMC Leadership Board met on February 28, 2024, with the following members present:

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

Opening Prayer & Spiritual Formation – Shawna Shafer

- Shawna opened with prayer and a story about how God was there for her during the catastrophic despair over losing her car after hitting a raccoon.
- Enrique mentioned a podcast about turmoils that people go through in life, but how if we are in tune with God we learn things are happening for us to grow spiritually and closer to him.
 - Please continue to pray for our congregation for the transition between Emily & Andrew.

Leadership Equipping – Enrique Barreiro

- Follow-up discussion from the leadership equipping session from 2/25.
- Sandy proposed replacing Joel Hardman on the Strategic Planning Committee.
 - Terry volunteered.
 - Manelia made a motion to approve adding Terry to the committee, and Phil seconded. Approved. (9/0/0)

Packet & Consent Items - Approved

Review of Visitors – led by Pastor Emily

- Lots of visitors over the past several weeks between confirmation kick-off and STEPMEC visitors.

Goal Review & Accountability – led by Jeanne & Emily

- Updates on 1st Quarter Goals – led by Emily
 - Goals 1 & 2 were a success following our “Fried Chicken & Spiritual Gifts” event on January 31, 2024. A second event is penciled in for April 17, 2024 that will conclude 2 of the 6 meals a year goal.
 - Emily explained the remaining goals:
 - Goal 3 - Emily met with the five 1st service members of the board after the January meeting and have gathered hymn requests from the 1st service that they are adding into worship.
 - Goal 4 & 5 - Emily, Jeanne & Judy Sawyer met on January 30, 2024 which inspired the different styles of prayer practices introduced into worship the past couple of weeks.
 - Goal 6 - Once all the spiritual gift inventory data has been compiled, we will form a team based on those results to share giving stories in worship.
 - 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: 150th Anniversary – led by Jeanne
 - Jeanne asked the board if anyone knew the official date that this congregation began. The banners on the wall show the 125th Anniversary being 1999, but she wasn't sure if that meant it began in 1999 or 2000.
 - Sandy offered to call the Public Library for research in their archives.
 - Enrique suggested forming a subcommittee to plan the celebration and using the spiritual gift inventory results.
- Item #2: Fort Worth Trip Funding – led by Jeanne
 - After many months of promoting the upcoming experience, we did not have very much interest in the trip.
 - Primarily the only sign-ups were staff and their youth children.
 - Sarah Hendricks, Jeanne Koontz, Aiden Koontz, Amanda Weber, Addyson Senecal, Scott Reimer, Victoria Reimer.
 - Maddie Snook, a high school youth, is the only non-staff related person signed up.
 - Paul & Annie Reichenberger had signed up, but after a change in jobs for Annie there was a conflict for them so they had to back out.
 - The organization the trip is through said that we can still come with this number of people as that has been about the group size they've been seeing. However if we cancel or postpone to a later date only \$500 of the \$2,500 deposit we paid in 2023 can be applied, we'd lose the rest of the deposit.
 - Manelia made a motion to approve sending the smaller group to Ft. Worth so they can return with a story to share and build for future missions, and Shawna seconded.
Approved. (9/0/0)
 - Full transparency about the small group interested in going is that it was not intentional for it to end up being a "staff/staff relation" trip. There just was no other interest or too many conflicts for other parties.
 - Emily asked if anyone on the board would want to go and both Shawna Shafer and Phil Durr expressed interest, which would bring the head count to 10.
 - Enrique requested that Jeanne and Sarah provide the board with more specific amounts between the high school and middle school trips that include transportation and meals at the March meeting.
- Item #3: Retirement Celebration for Joyce Hall
 - Emily asked if the board would be interested in hosting this or if we should ask UMW to host a reception.
 - Emily will check with Cindy Christiansen to see if the UMW ladies would be willing to collaborate with the board.
 - Terry wanted to make sure we also remember to plan a celebration for Pastor Emily leaving and Pastor Andrew coming in.
- Item #4: Facility Usage & Fees
 - Scott Reimer explained that the fees had not been updated in over 15 years and that with the cost of utilities on the rise the BMT felt it necessary to increase the building usage fees.

- A summarized proposal of the BMT's new fee schedule was included in the meeting packet. Much of the discussion was how the new fees seemed very reasonable in consideration to the costs of other venues.
- Enrique asked Scott to make sure reviewing these fees annually was added to the BMT's agenda so they don't go another 15 years without revisions.
- Manelia made a motion to approve the update fee schedule, and Phil seconded. Approved.
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- Item #5: Outreach Coordinator - Executive Session

Closing Prayer – Shawna Shafer

Amanda Weber, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting Date: Equipping Session #3 - March 24, 2024 at 12pm

Monthly LB Meeting - March 27, 2024 at 6 pm