

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CURCH
MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM
April 18, 2017**

STAFF:

Daniel Hilty
Jerry Kelly

MEMBERS:

Doug Bartley	Anna Holt
Katie Doman	Christina Barnett
Darryl Engelhardt	Dee Dee Shelton
Ryan Freeman	Mark Holzem
Ginger Meyer	Melinda Bentley

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Julie Allen
Chuck Uptergrove

VISITOR:

Pauline McElroy

WELCOME:

Dee Dee Shelton, chairman, welcomed 10 members, 2 staff and one visitor to the April meeting of the Ministry Support Team which was held in Room 107. Dee Dee gave the opening prayer, expanding on a thought she had earlier in the day using the words "Let Me Be....." with several requests for God to let us be in service in the church.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the February 21st meeting were reviewed and approved.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT:

Daniel Hilty reported regarding the ongoing work with Woodruff Sweitzer has completed its first phase and is awaiting our go ahead for the next phase. Daniel stated that, because of upcoming staff changes, it was his feeling we wait to give the go ahead to continue further. Mark Holzem has assisted Daniel in this area.

Daniel also reported that Gwen Blotevogel has been hired as Connection Coordinator with a start date of May 1st. We are all excited to see how this new position evolves under the capable leadership of Gwen.

Daniel also was excited that the First Care Team, which is intended to identify and minister to the needs of members and friends in the congregation, is in its developing phase and is under the leadership of Cassie Laemmli.

The new team will have four emphases:

- Transitional welcome to first-time guests.
- Follow-up for folks we haven't seen in a while.
- Food care – including, but not limited to, funeral meals.
- Contacting individuals who may need a special touch.

Daniel then led a considerable discussion of new pastoral appointments at FUMC. The committee was aware that Pastor Keith has accepted an appointment at Hillsboro UMC beginning July 1st. Chelsey Hillyer will be appointed by the Missouri Annual Conference to replace Keith. A significant difference exists, however, in Keith's responsibilities as Executive Pastor and Chelsey's primary focus to "create new worship spaces" as exemplified by the conference's participation in the partial payment of Chelsey's salary. It is a two-year fellowship program with goals designed to broaden the larger church's footprint in this area.

The discussion continued on the concept of the need for an additional associate pastor. Daniel led a lively discussion on the operational need and financial viability of such a position. A person has been identified by the Cabinet and they are awaiting our approval before moving forward with the offer to that person.

As such, the following motion was offered by Ryan Freeman and was seconded by Christina Barnett, that we accept a third pastoral appointment from the conference with the emphasis that we are committed for two years to the proposed level of staff coverage. That stipulation is to be communicated to the conference and potential appointees. The provision includes the request that the team strongly prefers the pastor live in Jefferson City.

After a fair amount of discussion attempting to get the wording of the motion correct, it passed unanimously.

At a later point in the meeting, Daniel reported on his discussion with the District Superintendent on the above.

Daniel also reported that Common Ground is on track to go fully operational independent of the church on June 1st.

MARCH FINANCIALS:

Jerry Kelly discussed the March month-end figures (attached) and noted that the numbers were comparatively adequate compared to 2016, but a full comparison won't be accurate until the end of April, given that Easter was in March in 2016. Some specific questions were asked regarding some reported expenses and they were answered to the satisfaction of the committee.

Jerry then presented an annual report of activity for the trusts and endowments of the church. There exist three legacies that the church is a beneficiary of: The Craver Trust, The Gregory Stockard, Jr. Trust and the Emma Stockard Endowment. A report was presented with the history of each and stipulations and restrictions as to the use of income or principal. Also presented was the activity in each for the calendar year 2016.

FIRST PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Praises included the recent time out program on heart health may have actually saved a member's life. Ginger Meyer reported that her parents visited during Easter and her father stated that the strength of the message and music made it one of the best services he has ever attended.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 16th

Mission JC – Sunday, April 30th

MST serves Community Dinner – Thursday, October 26th

Meeting was adjourned to closed session.

Jerry Kelly
Acting Secretary