

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

STAFF:

Karen Taylor
Chelsey Hillyer
Jerry Kelly

MEMBERS:

Julie Allen	Mark Holzem
Anna Holt	Dee Dee Shelton
Ryan Freeman	Ginger Meyer
Melinda Bentley	Jane Rackers
Katie Doman	

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Darryl Engelhardt	
Doug Bartley	Christina Barnett
Chuck Uptergrove	

GUESTS:

None

WELCOME:

Dee Dee Shelton, chairman, welcomed the members and staff to the July meeting of the Ministry Support Team which was held in Room 107. Dee Dee gave the opening prayer.

Minutes

The minutes of the June 2017 meeting were reviewed and approved.

PASTOR REPORTS:

Chelsey thanked everyone for the warm welcome and hospitality. She will be on vacation next week. She will meet with the Director of Pastoral Excellence and Congregational Excellence during August or September.

Karen also thanked everyone for the warm welcome. Karen reported that she and Chelsey want to conduct a "Listening Tour", and provided a handout to explain it further. They asked MST to help coordinate the small group meetings. Karen and Chelsey will provide proposed dates soon.

Daniel provided a written report. In it he described a potential relationship with the Russellville United Methodist Church. Daniel, Karen and Chelsey will meet with the Russellville pastor and will report back with a recommendation sometime in the future. He stressed that it is not “a done deal”.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

Dee Dee led a discussion on a revised draft of a Social Media Policy that Tom Strother prepared with the assistance of Sue Ann Lawrence. Katie moved for approval and Julie seconded. All in favor.

MINISTRIES:

No items for discussion.

JUNE FINANCIALS:

The June financials were presented and reviewed. Jerry indicated that the quarterly financials are very similar to those of the same time period last year. He did not have any specific areas of concern. He was asked to provide more detailed numbers regarding attendees per service, livestream, TV, etc.

FIRST PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Chelsey said that Vacation Bible School was awesome.

(Ryan joined the meeting at this time)

Gail Severance at Temple Beth El has hosted groups from our church at the Temple and provided very helpful information.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Global Leadership Summit – August 10, 11, 2017
Next Meeting – Tuesday, August 15, 2017
MST serves Community Dinner – October 26, 2017
Life Thirst Concert – August 26, 2017