

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CURCH
MINISTRY SUPPORT TEAM
May 16, 2017**

STAFF:

Daniel Hilty
Jerry Kelly

MEMBERS:

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

Julie Allen
Chuck Uptergrove
Mark Holzem

GUESTS:

Sherry Habben
Chelsey Hillyer

WELCOME:

Dee Dee Shelton, chairman, welcomed nine members, two staff and two guests to the May meeting of the Ministry Support Team which was held in Room 107. Dee Dee gave the opening prayer and introduced District Superintendent Sherry Habben and incoming pastor Chelsey Hillyer to the team.

OUR PASTORAL STAFF GOING FORWARD:

Sherry presented Chelsey and shared with the group a bit about the appointment process. She expanded the idea of the Red Baton as a visible mechanism for pastoral change in the church. The batons will be used in every group of the church as a symbol of transition and support.

Chelsey spent a few minutes sharing how she came to ministry in the church and that she is excited to become a part of our pastoral team.

Daniel explained that, at least initially, Chelsey will focus on discipleship and community outreach, while our other new pastor, Karen Taylor, will be involved in worship planning, mission, and our First Care Team.

Sherry closed her part of the meeting with a prayer for the transition and she and Chelsey were excused.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the April 18th meeting were reviewed and approved.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY:

Dee Dee led an extensive discussion on a first draft of a Social Media Policy that Tom Strother prepared with the assistance of Sue Ann Lawrence. Dee Dee took notes on the discussion and will work with Tom on some of the group's points.

SENIOR PASTOR REPORT:

Daniel reported to the group that he will be spending the next week (5/22-26) as a centering time for his and our ministry going forward. With so much change coming, Daniel would like to be able to spend some time working on details for personnel responsibilities and programs as we proceed.

Daniel also reported that the Lay Leadership (nominations) committee met and approved Steve Newman and Gwen Blotevogel as lay delegates to annual conference. They replace the members elected at Charge Conference in December. Daniel also stated that a new Wedding Coordinator (Nikkie Spratt) and new secretary for MST (Jane Rackers) have been identified.

MINISTRIES:

TV Ministry – Jerry led an initial discussion on the future of the Television Ministry at the church. Financial and ministerial effectiveness were discussed, with the identification of the actual television audience the biggest question. Jerry will work with Tom on a plan going forward.

Recording Studio – Jerry presented a document that Tom and he put together with the rationale for a recording studio in the media ministry area. Some equipment has been put together for possible public use, but nothing has been officially established at this time. The team requested that information on new ministries such as this be communicated to them rather than finding out about them through other means.

Sub-committee on Records and History – Dee Dee has been in contact with John Finley about the establishment of this committee. John has been doing the whole of this job for years. Dee Dee told John to go ahead with identifying willing participants.

Transitioning – the Red Batons – Dee Dee shared her specific vision for how the Red Baton program discussed earlier might evolve. The idea is to get the batons into as many hands as possible over the course of the transition.

Farewell Reception for Pastor Keith -- Sunday, June 18th has been set as the recognition day for Keith and his family. A reception in the lobby will cover the transition times between services. Several team members volunteered to assist Dee Dee in putting this event together.

APRIL FINANCIALS:

Jerry Kelly discussed the April month-end figures (attached) and noted that April 30th financials are often the best barometer of how the finances for the whole year will go. The most recent financials show a healthy comparison to 2016 at the same date, with income up 3% and expenses down a little over 1%. Since the remainder of this year will be a time of transition, special care will be taken to monitor any changes and timing issues with conference support of one of the new pastors.

FIRST PRAISES AND CONCERNS:

Praises included Daniel's excitement over new staff changes.

Dee Dee showed a card of appreciation from the staff at Thorpe Gordon for our expressions of support during Teacher Appreciation Week.

Daniel thanked Dee Dee for her leadership of the Ministry Support Team.

CALENDAR ITEMS:

Farewell Reception for Pastor Keith – Sunday, June 18th

Next Meeting – Tuesday, June 20th

MST serve Community Dinner – Thursday, October 26th

Meeting was adjourned.

Jerry Kelly
Acting Secretary