

# First United Methodist Church of Frankfort Kentucky

## CHURCH COUNCIL AGENDA

February 28, 2022

**Call to Order** – Philip Sturgill – Chair

**Opening Prayer** – Jamie Williams

**Reading of previous minutes & approval** – Sabrina James, Recording Secretary

Motion to approve minutes made by Paul Mauer, second by Joe Meyer. Minutes approved.

### **WORK TEAM REPORTS AND STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATES:**

#### ***Ministry Support:***

- Board of Trustee – Joe Meyer
  - Joe addressed spending mandate on only needs of the church versus wants.
  - Wesley Center roof leaked occurred after ice storm. A seam on the roof came apart and allowed water to enter the building when ice melted. Currently under warranty and Joe is working with the company to have this fixed.
  - Todd House gutter was pulled from the building due to ice buildup and needs to be repaired
  - Meyer maintenance contract is up for review and will be addressing with Jana
  - Parking in Catfish Alley behind church needs to be addressed possibly with video monitoring needed
  - Schedule of a spring maintenance day for the grounds for volunteers in the near future no date set
- Finance Team – Holly Brunson
  - Spending has been down since actives and less in building PPP loan for childcare has been paid off but was very useful to pay for childcare salaries at the daycare here at church
  - Finance team is meeting the second Monday every other month
  - Currently they are working on their vision to rebuild/celebrate the church and the community of the church
  - There is a strong desire to recognize those who are giving gifts to the church and make sure that we celebrate those opportunities as they are given
  - A higher recognition and emphasis on electronic giving was discussed being more vocal to the church.
  - The finance team really wants to increase their level of transparency to the church and its community
    - Paul- wants to recognize e gifts
    - Ginny- give a % status of gifts
    - Tonya-possibly something to put into the bulletin
    - Jamie brought up a really important point about following budget and the protocol for the gifts that the church receives,
    - Joe- caution is needed when addressing directions of donation and giving to the church
- Staff Parish Relations – Eric Kennedy
  - New appointment for Pastor at Frankfort First United Methodist Church should be known by the end of March
  - SPR would like to build awareness of its board members and the budget.
  - With a goal of ending the pandemic lifestyle at the church and increasing us back into a community feel.
- Permanent Endowment – Susan Coblin
  - A huge shout out to Cleland White for all of his knowledge, skills, and abilities that he has passed on to that team to allow them to make the best decisions and understanding of our situation.
  - Scholarships for seniors are being reviewed as those will be granted before the fall
  - They are currently waiting for Pastor Jamie to call a meeting for the permanent endowment team

- Strategic Planning - Abbie Meyer
  - Main goals are to increase attendance and more awareness of current church programs to move into a new path with a new pastor.
  - This group is looking for a four-year decision plan reaching out to others and going through the same steps
  - The group is currently looking for feedback and input on their mission statement and their list of questions provided tonight
  - The goal is to be a loving respectful and an open supported church for this community After reviewing case scenarios from other churches they're really wanting to find a happy ground on some decisions that will be coming in the future for our church.
  - The hope is to continue down the path we are currently on and continue with that positive loving environment Pastor Jamie did a huge shout out to the strategic planning committee and all of their hard work that they've been dedicated to
- Lay Delegates to Annual Conference – Arba Kenner / Leanne Scott
  - This year the annual conference will be in person

### ***Glorifying God:***

- Music and Worship – Dr. Sangwook Park
  - Dr. Park has a very extensive plan with different groups and ages for the Easter season.
  - He has several events planned for holy week as well for different services reaching different groups.
  - Dr. Park took the opportunity to send out his gratitude and thanks for the blessings of his current position with the church.

### ***Connecting People:***

- In-Reach – Debbie Ison
  - Jamie is currently running the Stephen ministry and trying to get more volunteers
  - Groups like triple L and Anna's Friends are back in action meeting in person allowing groups to connect again.
  - The hope is should bring back the Angels with Tool Belts and the shut-in groups to continue the support the folks who are unable to do service in person or are needing assistance within their homes or getting to appointments.
  - Ginny- Setting up prayer during service
  - The church is heavily relying on attendance pads for numbers and with hopes to increase church attendance.
  - Debbie Ison has started a personal project to take ownership of the church in giving funds when possible with small projects. She has challenged other groups if in our church to do the same thing.

### ***Spiritual Nourishment:***

- Christian Education – Rev. Tonya Kenner
  - Educational Sunday night series for Lent, for families was really successful on its first evening.
  - Tonya is asking for folks to be sensitive to the life we each live and how we come together at church. The hope is with more family gatherings in the evening people will be more engaged and more willing to come back to a post Covid programming that we are used to.
  - Sunday school is back in action fish group as well kids night out is being planned.
  - Currently VBS is going to look a little different this summer with the possibility of engaging and involving St. John's Methodist Church here in Frankfort and doing an event with for Sunday nights of activities for the kids maybe mission-based.
  - Aldersgate Camp work weekend is April 9 and 10th, previously this has been something the youth has been very involved with but do you to spring break schedule they will not be attending so all other volunteers are encouraged to support Aldersgate Camp.
- Youth – Greg / Missy Hardison
  - The youth group is currently meeting with 13 to 20 per week good numbers their focus right now is on the day between service.

### ***Dynamic Outreach:***

- Outreach –to be elected
  - Cinderella's closet will meet and run through Memorial Baptist with their location being a little more accessible for a weeklong event.

### ***Reports from other Teams & Team Leaders:***

- Wesley Center Day School – Erin Spoonamore
  - Erin says her numbers are currently sitting around 62 for kids in the daycare.
  - With a current four star rating out of five the goal is to be restarted and evaluated in September 2023.
  - Mask mandates are up for evaluation with Franklin County Schools not requiring mask in person.
  - Staffing seems to be the largest issue for Erin, possibly due to low wages comparative to other locations.
- United Methodist Women – Donna Jackson
  - United Methodist women Next meeting is March 31, 2022 the hope is to work on hygiene projects or some sort of kit like that.
  - Flood buckets seemed a little more out of the realm of possibility right now
- United Methodist Men – Byron Brewer
- Prayer Team – Ginny Smith
- Emergency Management – to be elected
  - Post meeting on Monday the AED for the church was inspected and found to have expired pads. A recommendation was made to not only make the AED more accessible to others but also put in a location of more visibility.
  - This information was relayed to Tonya with the understanding if information on where to buy new pads was needed that they would reach out to Sabrina James (a sales representative and installer for AEDs) or to Scott Meyer (local paramedic)
  - This ordering of new pads is very necessary and needed as having pads that are expired put the church at a huge liability.

### ***Old Business***

### ***New Business***

- A discussion was had about the mask requirements in and out of church.
  - With the governor lifting some state mandates on mask there was a thought that possibly allowing masks to not be required in church.
  - With Franklin County still being in the red, the decision was made to keep masks as required and monitor Covid map. When Franklin County is out of the red, a vote will be called via email.

### ***Adjournment with Prayer***