



Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
■		Chad Freeburg, <i>Chair</i>	■		Ging Wiandt, <i>Spiritual Formation</i>
■		Deb Fowler, <i>Chair Elect</i>	■		Karen Barstad, <i>Worship</i>
■		Mike McCallister, <i>Secretary</i>	■		Mary Welfling, <i>Archivist</i>
■		Emi Bennett Vo, <i>Community Life</i>	■		Paula Northwood, <i>Acting Senior Minister</i>
■		Eric Olsen, <i>Finance and Administration</i>	■		Beth Faeth, <i>Minister for Congregational Care</i>
■		John Kulstad, <i>Fine Arts</i>	■		Dan Wolpert, <i>Interim Minister</i>
■		Beth Comeaux, <i>Outreach</i>			

GUESTS:

Sarah Lehman, Seth Patterson

Actions Taken:

Item 1. Minutes of the previous meeting electronically approved.

Agenda and Minutes

Meditation / Prayer

- Offered by Chad, a poem from *Emergent Strategy: Shaping Change, Changing Worlds*, by adrienne maree brown.

Year in Review

- Held open discussion on what worked well and what opportunities exist for improvement.

Nominations for Next Church Year

- Received updates from Boards about their nominations for new members.
- For the Board of Fine Arts, discussed that due to some last-minute changes, the Board will have openings to be filled in the coming year.

Growth Task Force

- The Task Force members have been selected, but not all members have been confirmed yet. Anticipating this will be complete by Tuesday, and an announcement will go out on Friday. The Task Force is a group of 12, and they will likely break into committees, with connections out to the different Boards.
- Happy that the Task Force membership is very diverse in perspectives and along other dimensions.
- The Task Force's goal is wholistic growth, and we want them to be very forward looking.
- The connections between the Task Force and the Leadership Council include:
 - Paula will be the clergy liaison. Lynn will likely update the Leadership Council on a regular basis.
 - The new Leadership Council will need to be intentional about maintaining open communications.

IWWG Efforts

- The Immigrant Welcoming Working Group had a meeting to brainstorm and discuss Plymouth's support for the Minneapolis Sanctuary Platform. They concluded that they want this support to represent a groundswell within Plymouth. Working to figure out how to tie into other groups and be purposeful with a campaign in support of this in the fall.

- The IWWG discussed whether a statement in support of the Platform should be made by the Leadership Council or Board of Outreach, and they agreed that having the Board do it was fine.
- In the future, Peter Eichten will help maintain the connection with the Leadership Council.
- The Board of Outreach will work with MIRAC, as well as with Allison to stay in sync with any communication going out.

Other House-Keeping

- Board-affiliated groups list: hand-off to Secretary
 - Have handed off from Mary to Mike.
 - Consider using Drop Box or some other accessible resource. And go to Doug for technical help.
- Reports and position descriptions (see provided document)
 - Critical for Boards to get this in ASAP.
 - Will be useful for the Boards themselves.
 - Board minutes for June will also need to be finished soon.
 - Boards that are not meeting in June should let Doug know.
- June meeting and next church calendar year
 - Boards should consult the workplan.
 - June Meeting
 - More of a joint meeting (old and new), simple agenda, more social than working,
 - Maybe do something fun, like an outing together.
 - Should we do an orientation for the new chairs?
 - Would normally have a Leadership Council formational meeting in August.
 - Outgoing chairs should help new chairs with board formational activities in July.
 - Leadership Retreat
 - Agreed on October 13. [NB: This has since been rescheduled to Sept 29.]
 - Plymouth is hosting the Prophetic Imagination conference on Sept 21 and 22, for more details, see <http://www.propheticimagination.com/>.

Next Meeting

- Next Leadership Council **June 27, 2018** at 6:00 pm

Adjourn

*Respectfully submitted,
Mike McCallister, secretary*

Minutes Procedure

Minute-taker submits draft to group within 10 days of meeting; members have 7 days to submit revisions (no response is treated as approval).

If any revisions, minute-taker forwards revised draft to group within 3 days for electronic approval; members have 2 days to respond (no response is treated as approval).

Minute-taker submits approved minutes in Microsoft Word format to the Ministry Assistant for Programs (Doug Freeman, dougf@plymouth.org) upon approval.