

THALIA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 by Mark McKinney

In attendance: John Martin, Cameron Brown, Jerry Ditty, Barbra Jennings, Mark McKinney, Pastor Megan Collins

Minutes taken by: John Middleton

Barbara shared a devotion from Dallas Willard's rambling about "Renovation of the Heart." From the engaging text, which included the assertion of the necessity of full commitment. The major takeaway from this lesson is that as Christians we really cannot "fake it until we make it." Full commitment requires full surrender to Christ.

Minutes from the June meeting were reviewed, and upon motion by Jerry and second from Cameron, were passed by voice vote.

Pastor's Report: Somewhat because of our location and recent "incidents" with our church families Megan reported one of our "regular" homeless presences has been asked to stay away from church property and patrons. Her (and the staff's) informal discussions with local law enforcement will lead to a "file" to document any who have been "asked" and/or barred. Said list shall be available to all facility "user" organizations to coordinate those efforts.

Shared at the end of Megan's report were details about our responsibilities as the "host" on November 19th for the combined charge conference.

Treasurer's Report: (details posted outside the finance office) Giving over the summer is still trending well, and the General Fund is in the positive. July apportionments have been paid.

Trustee's report:

Trustee Jerry reported the following

- Completed parking lot now drains! The recent rainstorms have shown our success!
- Clean-up/dumpster work completed in July went well and saved the church almost \$5000 by having volunteers. There was a positive comment from our local patrol about the increase security from having the overgrown vegetation removed. However, that vegetation was hiding the repairs needed to the "fence" on the southern side of the parking lot. That fence is now moved up in priority on the repair "wish" list. In order of urgency below
 1. Kitchen repair floor first, cabinets need repair, exhaust fan need some work.
2 proposals for flooring repair were shared.
 2. Gutter repair
 3. Fence
 4. Security system upgrades (for which Jerry passed out first pass proposals to be refined, and repriced.)

There was discussion about the urgency of the need to refinish the kitchen floor, especially as it relates to the Thalia Day School's licensing. Also discussed were the remaining capital funds after the parking lot resurfacing, and after this discussion a motion was made by John Martin (2nd by Cameron) to spend up to \$6,000.00 on new kitchen flooring. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry will coordinate with Bob Holdren and the Day School to get the repairs scheduled.

Open Discussion: The issue of "missing" congregants and families was brought up. We have some folks who we have not seen over the summer, and it was discussed that we may want to reach out to those people to invite them to return and to make sure all is well.

The open portion of the meeting was concluded at 7:56pm and the Leadership Team went into a closed Staff Parrish Pastor Relations session.