

Agenda Minutes

In attendance via zoom and/or phone were: Pastor George Reynolds, Sally Paff, Glenda Aufer, Nancy Henry, John Redmond, Carl Dudeck, Jefferson Davis, Nick Sallade, and Tom Wilson.

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION OF TAYLOR PFAFF – Taylor joined us via zoom at the very beginning of our meeting to tell us a little bit about himself from a personal, as well as professional perspective. It was nice to put a face to a name. Taylor expressed to us his excitement for the opportunity and we assured him that, we too, were looking forward to his coming onboard to fulfill the next chapter for our Rockville Campus.

1. Spiritual Development –

Pastor George recited a passage from Lamentations 3:19 whereby it states “I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall. I will remember them, and my soul downcast within me. Yet this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. Pastor George referenced this particular scripture since during these very difficult times, when people may feel downtrodden and/or depressed, it is important for us to remember that because of GOD’s great love his compassion never fails us. Great is thy faithfulness, which we can all recall in the song.

Pastor George went on to discuss what most are calling “the new norm” with social distancing, having meetings, church, conferences, etc. via zoom/live-streaming, etc. We discussed how we, like so many others, are adapting to this change in our lives. He shared with us a discussion he had with other peers and their concern expressed on how this could be the downfall of churches, to which Pastor George wholeheartedly disagreed with that assessment. Pastor George shared with us that we, as a church, should be focusing on the opportunities this current “crisis/situation” has presented to us. Lest we forget, we are the church, not the building where we gather typically on Sundays. We can minister to our community in different ways, i.e. the live streaming we have for our church services. Many of us voiced our thanks for the team at the church providing this and making it readily available to all who wanted to attend. It is somewhat ironic that we had been doing this live-streaming with Rockville before the current Pandemic took place. This put us, as a church, ahead of the curve.

2. COVID—19 Response

Pastor George reiterated the current situation is to continue online worship services through March 29th, and if need be, this will be extended based on forthcoming news and/or state directives. Staff is busy formulating ideas for possibly doing an “outdoor” Easter Service and there was even talk of possibly doing a makeshift “drive-in” type of service where everyone

stays in their cars and with amplification the sermon could be provided to everyone in the comfort and safe confines of their car. He also assured us that the Cantata would be presented in its full glorious entirety once we are able to safely hold church services at the church.

3. Town Hall Document

Tom Wilson put together the town hall talking points into a letter that could be distributed via e-mail, etc. to all member of the church. Tom took it upon himself to put this together since the Town Hall actual meeting could not take place. By doing this we continue to be transparent to members even in times of crisis.

4. Rockville Campus Updates

The 3rd Street parsonage was sold for \$180,000, which is great news. Special thanks was given to Nancy Henry for her help in navigating all the realtor related paperwork etc. Her help was invaluable and thanks was also extended to Tom Wilson, who had to sign a myriad of papers to finalize sale, etc.

Pastor George informed council that Taylor Pfaff will be onboard starting July 1st, 2020 and that Kendall will be interfacing with him as he steps into this new position. Kendall has also agreed to step in as needed (i.e. Taylor, prior to accepting the position, had vacation plans in July; whereby Kendall can fill-in during that time). The council was very lucky to have Kendall for these past few months and she has done an outstanding job and will continue to be serving us through the transition. It is also exciting to report that Keystone Human Services (on which our very own Glenda Aucker serves on their board) has indicated an interest in renting out space from Rockville for Fall classes. This is terrific news as this, not only can provide a revenue source, but it also brings outside folks into our facility.

5. Community Needs Survey Responses

Nancy Henry sent the Leadership Council the compilation of the Community Needs Survey and highlighted with us the findings. The top three concerns had to do with Aging, Drug & Alcohol issues, and finally mental health. Tom was the first to point out how those top three concerns tied into our current COVID-19 situation i.e. aging folks being the most vulnerable, mental health/depression issues are being realized as we all face this “change”, and finally people with any sort of addiction may become more vulnerable to the current climate, or for that matter try to give-up addictions in light of liquor store closings. We will review the survey in much greater detail at our next Leadership Council Meeting.

Pastor George let us know that Sarah Axtman has reached out to three psychologists in order to formulate a response that could help us help our youth with the anxiety/distress they are facing with all this COVID-19 issues. So many youth struggle with a variety of issues and this is just one more thing they are facing and we'd like to be on the front lines being a resource whereby we can offer guidance/help. A question was raised on when we would be distributing the results of the survey to all member of the church and it was decided that we need to further "scrub" the data into a more compact package with highlights and then distribute. Everyone thanked Nancy profusely for the work done on the survey. It ended up being more time-intensive than originally projected; however, Nancy got the work done and we are so appreciative for her hard work. This was a focal point of our goals and we really think this will be invaluable information to be used to minister to the specific needs highlighted in the survey.

6. General Conference May 5-15 (Annual Conference May 28-30)

The General Conference has been postponed and rescheduling will be discussed the week of the 22nd; there will also be discussion regarding the Annual Conference as well.

7. Review of Leadership Packet

We did not receive a financial report in time for this meeting. Unfortunately, Danae, will be stepping down from her duties (due to her full-time job demanding more of her attention) and LLUMC will have to hire someone to take her place, or perhaps enlist a volunteer to help us out with the financial duties of the church.

8. Leadership Team Questions/Assistance

Jeff asked if perhaps we should do a more thorough "cleaning" of all church surfaces, etc. in light of the current COVID-19 situation. Pastor George indicated that was actually just done at the Linglestown Church and thought it should and would be arranged to have that same service done at the Rockville Campus.

9. Town Hall Dates

The March 15th Town Hall dates were postponed and new Town Hall Dates are as follows:

June 7th - 9:30 and 11:00 service

September 20th – 9:30 and 11:00 service

10. Strategic Planning Retreat

The Strategic Planning Retreat will take place on Wednesday, June 17th from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Unfortunately, Nancy Henry will not be able to join us as she will be in Aruba. She will be missed, however, we all wish her a happy vacation.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:00 p.m.

Reference Information (Standing Information):

The 2020 Leadership Council calendar was agreed to as follows:

February 17 March 16 April 20 May 18 June 15
July 20 August 17 September 21 October 19
November 16 December 7?

2020 Leadership Council noted -

<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>
Glenda Auker	Nancy Henry	Carl Dudeck
Stephanie Martella	Tom Wilson, Chairperson	John Redmond
Nick Sallade	Lewis Silverman	Sally Paff
	Jefferson Davenport	Cheryl Lenker