

Chelsea First United Methodist Church

Administrative Council Minutes

April 21, 2022, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Present: Mike Vanderspool, Rodney Gasaway, Susan Wellman, Heather Hay, Brenda Beck, Janet Martin-Conners, Nolan Peterson, Joy Barrett, Karen Woollams

- 1. Welcome and Opening Prayer.** Mike Vanderspool.
- 2. Team Sharing.** Ad Council Members shared their answers to the question, “What is something important a grandparent or older mentor taught you?”
- 3. Finance Review.** Mike Vanderspool. The monthly financial summary was reviewed. The March monthly income met the 2022 budget but the year to date budget is \$20,000 behind. A deficit was previously projected for this year. There is a \$200,000 surplus that will be used to supplement the church budget this year. If council members have further questions they can be directed to Bill Ruddock or Brenda Beck. The Finance Committee will be enhancing the Stewardship Campaign.
- 4. Strategic Objectives/Metrics.** Mike Vanderspool. The historical development of the objectives and metrics was reviewed. The objectives came out of the Vital Church Initiative of 2018, in which an external team of consultants helped to identify a direction and related goals for the church. The consultants gave us five focus prescriptions and 57 related tasks. Following this process, a mission statement was developed, community demographics were identified, and mission partnerships and priorities were named. This led to four challenge statements with associated measurable targets.
  - a. Challenge Statement #1: Shout it Out! Communicate with the community about who we are and what we are about.
  - b. Challenge Statement #2: Strengthen Community. Provide avenues for connections within the church family.
  - c. Challenge Statement #3: Go Deep. Offer experiences for spiritual growth, mission involvement, and intellectual depth.
  - d. Challenge Statement #4: Make the Ask. Invite people to participate, commit, and give.
  - e. Discussion
    - i. Many events and actions have taken place which focus on the challenge statements.

- ii. Next steps include forming a small focus group to identify what is being tracked, and how they are being tracked, in relation to these challenge statements and metrics.

5. **Statement of Aspiration.** Mike Vanderspool and Nolan Peterson. The statement was reviewed and specific language was addressed for expanded inclusivity. Three options were offered for possible language revision. The first option was agreed upon. Mike Vanderspool will update and submit the statement.
6. **Anti-Bias/Anti-Racism Statement.** Mike Vanderspool. Ad Council may benefit from more education and information on this topic before drafting a statement. Joy is in contact with several resources in the hopes of inviting individuals to attend a future meeting. This will help us in moving forward on this task.
7. **Parables.** Mike Vanderspool. A task force has been formed and will meet on a weekly basis. The task force will make a recommendation about what we can offer to the Parables group.
8. **Senior Pastor Report.** Joy Barrett. Should an informational session be offered to provide information about what is happening with the global denomination? This could be an opportunity to educate people and invite community members. Many council members expressed an interest in providing this.

## 9. Adjourn

Upcoming Meetings-Second Thursdays of each month, 7:30 – 9:00

- May 12, 2022
- June 9, 2022

Submitted by Heather Hay, 4-23-22