

Greensboro FUMC
Church Council Meeting
August 25, 2020

I. Welcome and Prayer

Shannon Osborne called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. and offered his welcome to all attending in-person and to all attending via Zoom. Those attending in-person were Shannon Osborne, Steve Gray, Dennis Barlow, Jeanette Burns, Linda Gates, Martha Braswell, The Rev. Matt Stewart, Ann Maddox, Jackson Mitchell, Kathy Cawthon, Rodney Moore, Yvonne Moore, Kim Scherer, and Larry Bowers. Those attending via Zoom were Sam Young, Martha Braswell, Haley Mitchell, and Elisa Reece. Kathy Cawthon filled in as recording secretary due to Gerry Sykora's absence. The Church Council meeting would mostly focus on Pastor Matt's future focus of Greensboro FUMC and our finances. Shannon led the committee in prayer before the business meeting began.

II. Approval of May Minutes

Motion was made by Ann Maddox to approve the May 12 Church Council Minutes. Motion was second by Larry Bowers. Motion carried unanimously.

III. Senior Pastor Update and Future Focus

- a. North Georgia Virtual Conference will be held on Saturday, August 29, from 8:30 – 4:30 p.m. The Rev. Rick Maeser will have voting rights. The Rev. Matt Stewart will not be able to vote because he is still a member of the South Georgia Conference.
- b. The impact of the North Georgia Conference decreasing from 12 districts to 8 districts will be a cost saving measure for the conference.
- c. Pastor Matt is excited to be Greensboro FUMC's new pastor. He has conducted four group meetings with different areas of the church council and all have gone very well. There were some concerns shared as the direction of The United Methodist Church, people moving to The Presbyterian Village or to be closer to family. He plans

to address these concerns in a podcast in our Wednesday emails soon. Pastor Matt encouraged us to be positive and excited about our church. He feels he is called to be with Greensboro FUMC and asked “we love him, love each other, and love this world.” He is here to help and his door is always open.

Upcoming Community Event: Trunk or Treat on October 30 at North Campus Parking Lot. All of the community is invited for this event with free food and live music. Information about our church will be provided in hopes to reach out to the community of downtown Greensboro.

Thursday Night Program at North Campus: Plans are being made to provide a meal with other activities involving youth, children, one or two adult classes, etc. Bring Your Own Bible small group would be invited for the meal before attending their study at Oconee Brewing Company.

A draft of Servant Leaders List for 2021 was handed out. Pastor Matt pointed out some revisions from the 2020 list as noted in bold. Staff were identified as ex-officio members with vote and no vote on the Servant Leaders List. Pastor Matt brought the following nominations from the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development: George Townsend was nominated to serve on Board of Trustees until December 2022. George is replacing Daniel DeLaigle who has moved. Board of Trustees agreed for the North Campus lead to oversee the Parsonage. Dale Kays has been nominated to serve on Staff-Parish Relations Committee until December 2021. He would be replacing John Flock who will be moving. Safe Sanctuary Committee was added. Pastors have vote on all committees except the Board of Trustees. There was discussion about staff having vote on committees and church council. Shannon Osborne made motion for the report of Servant Leaders for 2021 stand as presented with exception of staff who are members of Greensboro FUMC having voting rights on Church Council. This will be voted on at the next Church Council meeting. Yvonne Moore second the motion. Sam Young voted no. All others voted approved.

- d. North Campus is ready for in-person worship on Sunday, August 30. Worship services will go back to 9 a.m. worship at South Campus and 11 a.m. worship at North Campus.

IV. Budget Planning & Focus/Committee Updates/Discussions

- a. No report from Fellowship Events
- b. Garage Sale has been put on hold. The committee is looking at having the sale at Fred's in downtown Greensboro in October.
- c. Rev. Rick Maeser will be arriving in Greensboro on August 28.
- d. Jeanette Burns, Chair, reported Board of Trustees have been working hard to keep expenses down. Bob Glaze's term on Board of Trustees ends in December. He is the South Campus lead. Lock-up volunteers for South Campus are needed for October, November, and December. There have been some issues with South Campus doors being left open and lights left on. Long range issues include new windows, siding, etc. for parsonage is needed. Presently our parsonage does not meet discipline guidelines. Other long range issues are old HVAC units at North Campus, parking lot at North Campus, and painting the exterior of South Campus. Shannon asked if Jeanette could identify the major expenses for 2021. She identified the North Campus HVAC and parsonage issues. Jeanette asked the Church Council for prayers.
- e. Ann Maddox reviewed the Income Statement handout. Short-term loan of \$400,000 has been paid. The Foundation approved Imagine NOW funds towards the principal. Expenses are down from what was expected. July contributions is down by \$20,000. August contributions are lower than July. Cash availability is \$58,000 with \$200,000 in reserve. Ann, along with Paula's help, has prepared a Giving Analysis report. This report is indicating a possible \$250,000 short-fall in our budget based on current contributions not expected next year due to persons leaving church or moving away from the community. Yvonne Moore asked if a stewardship campaign was being planned for the fall. A Celebration of Giving Sunday is planned for October 18. Stewardship testimony videos by three couples/singles in our church will be shared via email and projections on September 27, October 4, and October 10. People will be able to fill out a commitment card via email. Much discussion was held about the \$250,000 short-fall in budget. Pastor Matt plans to

communicate with our congregation via an email video about our financial concerns. Budget requests for 2021 deadline is September 25.

V. New Business

- a. Motion to approve Rev. Stewart's compensation package for 2020. Motion made by Dennis Barlow to approve \$7550 Accountable Reimbursement. Motion second by Ann Maddox. Kim Scherer and Yvonne Moore abstained. All others approved. Motion carried. Motion made by Ann Maddox to approve Housing Allowance Resolution for Pastor Matt. Jeanette Burns second the motion. Kim Scherer and Yvonne Moore abstained. All others approved. Motion carried.
- b. Motion to approve Rev. Rick Maeser's compensation package for 2020. Motion was made by Rodney Moore. Motion second by Jeanette Burns. Kim Scherer, Ann Maddox, and Yvonne Moore abstained. Motion carried.
- c. Other Discussion. Discussion was held briefly about salaries and budget concerns. Shannon encouraged everyone to support our staff team and asked everyone to call every name who attended this meeting in prayer tonight.

IV. Adjourn with Prayer

Pastor Matt adjourned the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Cawthon
Recording Secretary