

**Leadership Team
Meeting Notes
3 September 2024**

1. Welcome and Check-in
 - a. On 3 September 2024 the following people were at the leadership Pastor Dennis, Kline, Roberta, Lesa, Ken, Alice and Karen. Kregg joined via Teams.
 - b. Joys and concerns were shared among the group.
2. Kline opened with prayer
3. Previous Meeting Notes
 - a. Finding them acceptable, Alice moved seconded by Roberta to approve the minutes. Motion carried.
4. Church and Team Calendar Review
 - a. Choir will meet at 6:30 PM
 - b. 10 October 2024 Life Screen has the basement reserved all day
5. Church Vision: Points to Ponder
 - a. "Is the Former Mainline Finally Seeing its Hood Echo" by Sara Rice
 - a. Pastor Dennis talked about the many challenges that churches face including ours. Sometime there needs to be a sense of urgency before persons act.
 - b. Are we to a point of urgency? There are lots of volunteer vacancies.
6. Heartland Provisional Annual Conference & NW Kansas News
 - a. General Conference is being held in Costa Rica
7. Transition Update
 - a. New Church Signs: Purchase Installation
 - i. Been ordered and purchased but haven't arrived
 - b. Existing Church Signs
 - i. Flame being removed when roof is being shingled
8. Financial Team Changes and Required Votes
 - a. Kregg moved seconded by Alice to take a copy of the minutes showing that Janet, Karen, and Ann may pick up the deposit bag at Citizens State Bank Motion carried.
9. Church Building Master Plan.
 - a. Kline asked for comment as to whether it made sense to proceed with the Church Building Master Plan. We are asked to go make disciples of Christ. Does a building plan help or hinder this base requirements.
 - b. General feedback was that building improvements are needed as part of our discipleship work. There is value in making the church look inviting to people who join us to worship
10. Reports
 - a. Pastor: Nothing else to report
 - b. Church secretary - Lesa
 - i. Lesa is assembling checklists for funeral dinners and Kids of Kingdom activities.

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- c. Communications and Technology Team: No report.
 - d. Congregational Care Report: No report.
 - e. Education Team - Alice
 - i. Sunday School for Children starts 8 September 2024
 - f. Ellsworth Methodist Men:
 - a. Pastor Dennis noted that Mason May's memorial money was directed to the Youth.
 - g. Ellsworth Methodist Women: Alice
 - a. Fellowships are meeting and upcoming soup supper
 - h. Finance and Stewardship: Kregg
 - a. Team is planning to send letters to people to let them know the current financial picture. We are a little behind our normal budget percentage
 - b. Roberta discovered that Lois Hendrick's memorial should be directed to Kids of the Kingdom
 - i. Missions and Evangelism Team
 - a. Jessie is done with the pictures.
 - b. Team is working on the directory now.
 - j. Nominations Team: Pastor Dennis
 - i. Meeting on Thursday
 - k. Staff/Pastor/Parish Relations Team: Pastor Dennis
 - i. Met last Thursday discussed what's going on and improvements
 - l. Trustee Team: Pastor Dennis
 - i. Will meet Sunday
 - m. Worship Team: Lesa
 - i. Junior and Senior High School is offering community service to help people or organizations. Event is 20 October. Organization must submit a request in September.
 - ii. Team continues to look at ways to use more recorded music to help support our current musicians.
 - iii. Note card have been assembled to help provide a way for the congregation to communicate with the Pastor and other church teams. Note cards will be placed in pew holders. A locked box will be an option for persons to submit.
 - n. Youth Advisory Team
 - i. Picnic on Wednesday evening
 - o. Youth Representatives TBD
11. Other Business: None
12. Next Meeting will by 1 October 2024 at 6:30 PM
13. Pastor closed with prayer