



Clemmons UMC Leadership Board Meeting

November 7, 2022 @ 7 p.m.

via Zoom

In attendance: Ray Barnes, Amanda Batten, Carole Carr, Becky Combs, Larry Coble, Betsy Cochrane, Pam Davis, Art Duncan, Parks Engstrom, Christine Fitzgerald, John Fitzgerald, Kathy Giff, Jane Hackney, Suzanne Hess, Lynn Kennedy, Heather Magaha, Susie Marion, Tom Miller, Joel Morgan, Alan Nealeans, Cristina Batista Paterson, Ken Peacock, Ann Raines, Jennifer Rogers, Linda Shawcross, Abby Smith, Sara Smith, George Stewart, and Karen Stutzman

1. **Welcome/Call to Order** - Ken Peacock welcomed everyone and thanked them for their time and service to Clemmons UMC.
2. **Opening Prayer** - John Fitzgerald opened the meeting with prayer.
3. **Approval of October 3, 2022 Leadership Board Meeting Minutes** – Ken presented the minutes from the October 3 meeting and asked for corrections or additions. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.
4. **Old Business** – John Fitzgerald asked for time to answer questions and update the Board regarding the subject of disaffiliation from the United Methodist Church.

During recent staff meetings, John indicated that the staff adopted a response/soundbite to help deal with questions which is as follows: “CUMC is a United Methodist Church, therefore, we do not need to vote to remain a United Methodist Church”.

John also made the following points:

- If Clemmons UMC wishes to remain a UMC, no action is required.
- No request from the Board or the congregation has been forthcoming to ask that the Board consider disaffiliation or vote on disaffiliation.
- If any individual wishes to submit a request for a vote to disaffiliate, the Leadership Board is the governing body of CUMC that would hear and rule on that request.

5. Board Committee Reports

- a. **Trustee** - Tom Miller presented the Trustee Priority List and indicated that the Trustees had been very busy. Tom indicated that:
 - New chapel doors have been installed and will be painted soon.
 - Yadkin Paving will take care of repairing the parking lot.
 - The foundation has been repaired after water intrusion problems were discovered during the Bazaar.
 - Jeff Meadows will be head of trustees beginning in 2023.
- b. **Finance** - Ray Barnes presented the minutes for the past two Finance Meetings and indicated that the overall 2023 budget is an increase of [2.31%]. Ray indicated that we

need a great finish to 2022 and that John had agreed to challenge the congregation to push us over the top and finish the year strong.

- c. **Stewardship** - Suzanne Hess indicated that the pledge drive had gone well and that early results include 149 pledge cards totaling \$681,016. She encouraged everyone to turn in their pledge card for a strong finish to 2022. There is no deadline for turning in pledge cards. Suzanne also indicated that Lawrence Fletcher is taking over as stewardship chair for next year.
- d. **Staff-Parish Relations** - Lynn Kennedy indicated that SPRC met in September to work out salaries and travel allowances for clergy and staff and that they had worked with Ray to iron out all the details. Bryon is still working on recruiting candidates for the open church organ/accompanist position and interviews will start in the new year.
- e. **Nominations** - John Fitzgerald deferred his report to Charge Conference which would be held later in the evening.
- f. **MOST** - Pam Davis indicated that after their extremely busy fall, their next meeting will be held in mid-November.
- g. **Worship** – John reported on behalf of Martha Mayse that decorating for advent will take place the week of Thanksgiving. Volunteers are welcome. As Christmas and New Year's Day is on a Sunday this year, we will have combined service and no Sunday School on December 25 and January 1. The choir cantata will be held at both the 8:30 am and 11:00 am services on December 11 and the Connect Service will hold a Christmas Special. On December 13 a service of Comfort and Hope will be held by Stephen Ministers. After consideration, at this time, the number of worship services will stay at three. The Worship team will continue to pray and think about the possibility of moving to two services in the new year.
- h. **Communications and Technology** - Linda Shawcross indicated that they are still working on a new church directory.
- i. **Children's Ministry** - Cristina Batista Paterson indicated that the Children's Ministry Department is celebrating several successes:
 - Children's Sunday was a huge success.
 - Trunk or Treat had raised around \$800
 - The Angel Tree will be up and ready for sponsors on Nov. 27. Gifts will be picked up by families on December 18.
- j. **Youth Ministry** - Abby Smith indicated that the Pumpkin Patch had been a great success raising \$8,300 for youth. Their next project will be Thanksgiving for Homebound church members followed by setting up their Christmas Lights from December 9-11. This year the Christmas Light Trail will include a movie screen and smores. Anyone interested in the Village Tree Lighting should know that several of the "Frozen" characters in attendance will be CUMC youth. Abby indicated that volunteers are needed for the Progressive Dinner and that the Pumpkin Farm will pick up unsold pumpkins mid-November.

- k. **Senior Adult Ministry** – Janie Hackney indicated that the Veterans Chicken Stew would be held the following weekend and that 66 had signed up. They are looking forward to honoring Veterans.
 - l. **GAP Discipleship Committee** - Jennifer Rogers indicated that the GAP Tailgate on October 9 had been a successful event, however, Bazaar fatigue probably played a part in attendance. GAP will have another meeting mid-November and a Mystery Lunch will be held after church on Sunday at 1pm. Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact Jennifer. The event is open to everyone.
6. **Other** – John indicated that immediately following the Board meeting, a Charge Conference for CUMC would be held and they everyone was invited to stay.
7. **Adjournment** - There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously at 7:51 pm.

Next Leadership Board Meeting: January 9, 2023.