



SERVANT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes May 8, 2024

1. The regular meeting of the VRUMC Servant Leadership Council (SLC) was convened on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 6 p.m., with all members present online via Zoom, except for Wesley Potter. This constitutes a quorum of voting members.
2. James Kunke led the group in a devotional and opened the meeting with prayer.
3. Discussion Items:
 - a. Cry Room: Sound in the cry room is currently not operational. James has a contact that will review the issue and make a recommendation for the next meeting.
 - b. Mission Trip for our Youth: 11 Youth and 4 adults will be traveling to Austin in June. Thanks to Matt Devine who has signed up to be the final chaperone.
 - c. Designated Smoking Area: Recommendations were discussed with the City of Lewisville. Wesley Potter, Trustees Chair, recommends adding signs with “no smoking within 15 feet of the building” to the west end of the covered walkway and adding an urn for a cigarette butt receptacle. A motion was made to vote by Angie Christoffersen, seconded by James; the motion passed, but it was not unanimous.
 - d. General Conference Recap/Action Items: The main items that came out of General Conference were Regionalization, Revised Social Principles, and language being removed from the Book of Discipline; as well as Deacons receiving sacramental authority. On May 19, we will meet immediately after worship and share an 8-minute wrap-up video, then open for questions.
 - e. Other: Bernadette asked for the senior’s and confirmand’s names to be published in *The Vista* for congregational prayers/gifts.

4. Financial Update:

- a. Matt Devine, Finance Chair, took the council through an update on outstanding items from the previous meeting.
 - i. Matt submitted the designated funds journal entry (see previous meeting minutes for details), but it's not yet showing in QuickBooks.
 - ii. The May financials were not available to review. They will be sent out to the council once complete.
 - iii. Greg Rimling supplied the summary of offerings from April. It shows we are under budget, but the first week of May looks strong.

5. Revisiting Future Discussion Topics:

- i. The flag policy has been revised and presented by James, who made a motion to vote on the updates. Angie Christoffersen seconded the motion, and the motion passed.
- ii. VRUMC Simplified Structure Model:
 1. James cleaned up the original document. The council held a discussion on whether the document properly references the Book of Discipline (BOD).
 - a. Addressing having a Youth representative
 - b. Senior Pastor – not a voting member for Trustees or SPRC; can vote on other matters
 - c. If any of these BOD listed positions that we do not currently have (UM Men/UM Women/Treasurer) become official positions, then we will work to add them to the SLC
 2. James will continue to work on the document and send it back out for final review.

6. Trustees Report:

- a. Building Use Policy for Homeowner Associations
 - i. The council discussed updating the building use policy to help alleviate the need for VRUMC staff to be on site during HOA meetings.
 - ii. We currently hold 9 HOA meetings annually; about 21 hours of staff time.
 - iii. How to deepen our relationship with them; HOA president/chair would go through background check, building/key/HVAC training; doors would be programmed to open/close based on the meeting time.

- iv. Suggested contract language to include: if any theft or vandalism happens during the time of their meeting, the HOA contact is personally responsible.
- v. Suggested a one-time fee to cover the background check and key deposit.
- vi. Email Bill or Wes with other questions on this idea.

b. Denton County Friends of the Family Office Space

- i. Meeting for the first time tomorrow (May 9)
- ii. The small group meeting in Room 119 on Sundays is now meeting in Fellowship Hall
- iii. DCFOF will have designated space in Room 119

7. Staff Parish Relations:

- a. The council held a closed session to discuss SPRC items. No formal votes were recorded.

8. Next SLC Meeting: Sunday, June 30, 2024, at 11:15 a.m. in person at VRUMC.

9. Bernadette Ealy led the council in a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

SLC Membership:

Karen Meeks, Chair

Ashley Anne Sipe, Lead Pastor

Angie Christoffersen, Lay Member Annual Conf

James Kunke, Lay Leader

Hillarye Hightower, Staff Parish Relations Chair

Matt Devine, Finance Chair

Wesley Potter, Chair of Trustees

Tiffany Harlow, Secretary/Minutes

Dan Sepdham

Susan Francis

Bernadette Ealy

Cassandra Williams