



SERVANT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes October 22, 2024

1. The regular meeting of the VRUMC Servant Leadership Council (SLC) was convened on Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at 6 p.m., with all members present in person, except for Dan Sepdham. This constitutes a quorum of voting members.
2. James Kunke led the group in a personal story and reflection and opened the meeting with prayer.
3. The meeting minutes from September 17, 2024, were approved.
4. Pastor's Report
 - a. Rockbrook Spring Break Camp – The cost to rent the space is \$7,000, so we will not be able to move forward with a spring break camp at Rockbrook Elementary. There may be an opportunity to have a spring break camp/bible school opportunity in partnership with Denton County Friends of the Family.
 - b. Community Youth Partnership Update – Possible opportunities to partner with children's ministries at other churches, but not much interest in partnering with youth. Rockwall and McKinney youth partnerships are being discussed, with a possible tie-in to U.M. ARMY for the summer 2025 mission trip.
 - c. United Women in Faith – Interest meeting to be held on October 29 while creating prayer boards.
 - d. Christmas Eve – Vista Vespers will be December 14. Christmas Eve will have one united service at 7 p.m.
 - e. Nominations Committee – The committee met and has asked the nominees to serve on the Servant Leadership Council replacing members who are rolling off in 2025. The nominees have agreed to the positions. They will be announced at the Church Family Meeting on November 3 and will be officially approved at the Cluster Charge Conference on December 1, 2024.
5. Finance Report – Matt Devine, Finance Chair, took the council through the most updated Statement of Giving. This is the third consecutive month that giving has exceeded the budget. Without any adjustments, we are \$1,200 above budget. Giving is continuing to move in the right direction.

In October, several changes were made to our bank accounts with Prosperity Bank. Matt Devine provided the following details to the SLC. Closed out four accounts with balances of \$973, \$525, \$929 and \$1,728 and consolidated into our savings account (money market earning 1.5%). \$100K (cash/undesignated) moved to 4-month CD that will pay out 4.5%. \$27K into savings account (money market earning 1.5%). Remaining in Texas Methodist Foundation: \$35K (cash/undesignated) moved to a CD and \$108K (designated funds) remaining in the money market interest account.

- a. Verification of Bank Signers – Matt Devine made a motion to accept the following people as signers on the church’s bank accounts. The motion was unanimously approved.
 1. Karen Meeks, SLC Chair (2024)
 2. Matt Devine, Finance Chair (2024)/SLC Co-Chair/Finance Chair (2025)
 3. Bill Burden, Business Administrator (Staff)
 4. Karen Sheldon, Finance Clerk (Staff)
 5. Greg Rimling, Former Finance Chair/Finance Advisor
 - b. Finance Audit – Deferred to next meeting
6. Trustees Report – Wesley Potter, Chair of Trustees, took the council through the following report:
- a. New Air Conditioner – Installed and fully operational as of October 16, 2024.
 - b. Grounds Enhancement/New Sign Install – Playgrounds are near completion on refurbishments; grounds have been majorly overhauled; new sign has been installed.
 - c. Sprinkler System Repairs – Our landscape company has found two major leaks that have been repaired and there are a few small leaks that will be fixed.
7. Discussion Items
- a. Vision for 2025 – Rev. Ashley Anne and James Kunke walked the SLC through the vision presentation that will be presented at the Church Family Meeting on November 3.
8. Staff Parish Relations – A closed session discussion was held but no votes were needed.
9. Next SLC Meeting – Wednesday, November 20, at 7 p.m. in person at VRUMC.
10. Church Family Meeting – Scheduled for Sunday, November 3, 11:15 a.m. to noon
11. Closing Prayer – Hillarye Hightower gave the prayer and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 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