

St. John United Methodist Church Prospect, KY Administrative Council

Meeting Minutes - September 12, 2024

In attendance: Chris Smith, Scott Bartelt, Kellie Harrison, Betsy Keefe, Gary Maslowski, Steven Lundy, Dan Breu, Beth Scherer, Louis Fowler, Mary Louise Amrein, Carmen Cantrell, Jeremy Rodgers, Jack Meisburg, Kyle Ray, Natalie Burden, Miriam Tinnell. Visitors: David Wheeler, Wes Worley

This was an open meeting and we had about 25 of our members observing.

1. Love

Opening Prayer: Chris led us in our opening prayer.

Glory Sightings: Glory sightings were shared by Kyle, Carmen, Scott, Steven, Dan, and Chris.

Devotional: Chris shared a devotional from James 1:25 which reminds us to be a doer of the Word.

2. Learn

Kids Kloset: Kellie shared information on our upcoming Kids Kloset. The dates for Kids Kloset are October 11-12. Kellie stated that Kids Kloset helps raise awareness of St. John's ministries, and how we serve the people of our community. We can share info about Kids Kloset on Facebook, and hand out fliers. She asked that we pray for a successful Kids Kloset so we can continue to reach out to our community and beyond

Missions Team: Scott reported that the Missions Team had a retreat this summer, and is meeting monthly. He noted that the Missions Team endeavors to prioritize its ministries. The Missions Team has ongoing ministries such as Operation Christmas Child, and the various barrel donations for different organizations in our community. Scott said we need to decide how to increase our congregation's awareness in St. John's mission outreach.

3. Lead

Minutes: Scott made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 8, 2024 meeting. Kellie seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Transparency Update: Chris noted that a link to the Administrative Council minutes are now posted in the Friday emails. The can also be accessed at the following place on our website: <https://stjohnky.com/administrative-council-updates/?swcfpc=1> The Ministry Moments during our worship services help acquaint the congregation with our Ministry Teams and staff.

Finance Team: Dan reported that we are presently \$161,000.00 behind in income/tithes. This does not include capital expenses. Funds designated toward capital expenses total \$1030.00. Donations were down 39% between May and September. Rachel O' Rourke and the Finance Team are in the process of automating our finances and are considering engaging ADP to process payroll at an estimated cost of \$6000/yr.

Membership Update: Steven reported that over 500 people have responded to our membership update. He asked that members of the Administrative Council help contact the remaining 200 people who have not yet responded. Those responding can send their information to Steven's email (Steven@stjohnky.com). Beth suggested the membership forms be available during worship services.

There will be a Charge Conference in November as the Administrative Council will not meet in October. At that time the report on membership will be presented.

Closing Prayer: Scott led us in our closing prayer.

Next meeting: Thursday, November 14, 2024