

**Kingsland United Methodist Church (KUMC) Church Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday November 28, 2017**

The Kingsland United Methodist Church (KUMC) Church Council met on Tuesday November 28, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Gathering Place. The meeting opened with prayer by Pastor Devin Schultz.

**Attendees:**

Devin Schultz, Pastor  
Karl Braun, Lay Delegate  
Ryan Bruce, Finance Committee  
Anne Wojcik, Incoming Finance Chairperson  
Meredith Phillips, Youth Council  
Mark Kevan, Stewardship  
Dawn Jenkins, Incoming SPRC Chair  
Fred Dezouche, Incoming Trustees Member  
Chris Shumway, Council Chair  
Kari Winters, United Methodist Women  
Rhonda Leewright, Children's Ministry  
Kim Canaday, Outgoing Trustees Chairperson  
Jeremy Diaz, Youth Pastor  
Tracy Holliday, Noah's Ark  
Nina Jimenez, Council Secretary  
Kathy Markes, Incoming Council Secretary  
Michael King, Outgoing SPRC Chair  
Brad Tippins, Guest

**Pastor's Update:**

Apologized for miscommunication in language on the email invitation for the leaders' meeting with Coach Phil on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Gathering Place. This particular meeting is for Council Members only.

Devin is working with a pastoral coach.

The first congregational coaching meeting will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

We do not have any stated goals. We, the council and church leadership, need to figure out what the goals are and be ready to discuss.

Karl Braun has agreed to be the laity coordinator for the coaching sessions with Phil. Mark Kevan has agreed to be a laity coordinator as well.

Working hard to get through the CHRISTmas season.

The open forum for the congregation is December 10<sup>th</sup> during the Sunday School hour of 9:45 am. Donuts and coffee will be provided during this time. Because of this change, communion will not be held at the beginning of the month as usual. Communion will be held on December 24<sup>th</sup> during the evening service.

Luminaries for Relay for Life was discussed. RFL is not planning to do these. Questioning if any other group would like to take this fundraiser and if so, it needs to be taken over and planned soon.

The numbers of attendees during Sunday sermon times, nursery and children's church were questioned and explanation was given regarding the counts. Devin is questioning this as the church's apportionment payments may be changed based on the number in worship.

Communication issues: 225 emails are sent on Thursdays for the Thursday update via Mail Chimp, only 21 of the 225 emails are being opened to click on a link in the email. This is concerning because it appears no one is opening the informational links. The 'Coaches Corner' will be in the Sunday bulletin until June. Discussion was held as to how to resolve the communication issues.

### **COACHING:**

Goals for the coaching were discussed. The question was raised as to why we were assigned a coach in the first place. One factor that led to the assignment is the loss of 50 persons average attendance for the last 8-10 years. The District Superintendent indicated to the SPRC regarding an inordinate amount of controversy going on in the church that he does not know how to fix. Therefore, he has employed a coach to help the church work through some of its issues.

It was suggested the Council make proposals to Phil, (the coach), before the Sunday School meeting on December 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **IDEAS DISCUSSED TO PRESENT TO COACH PHIL:**

1. Communication.
2. Controversy in the church
3. BACKING UP THE CHURCH STAFF.
4. "People" do not like the Methodist governance.
5. Loss of members/congregants.

### **Discussion:**

- Put information regarding the leadership of the various groups and councils somewhere that the congregation can readily see the information. Let the congregation know who we are that we represent them. Be open to communication from the congregants.
- Give information verbally to the congregation regarding council meetings. Suggestion was made to do this at the end of the sermon on Sundays via a person other than Devin, as well as putting it up via a calendar somewhere in the church.
- Retreat for council, during this time have the various church groups update the council so that they feel they have a voice.

Coach Phil has recommended a single model governance structure consisting of 12 members or less, i.e. three members from Staff Parish, three trustees, three Finance, Lay Delegate, Noah's Ark Rep, Youth Representative, and one lay leader. All other members of the various councils will be part of the leadership team. For example, there could be a Trustees team that helps execute the Trustees objectives but would not necessarily be on the Council.

### **Noah's Ark**

Tracey Holliday reported Noah's Ark is doing great. During November, they conduct a food drive for the food pantry. They also collect clothing for donation. Cow calendars are currently for sale as a fundraiser and are \$8 each.

### **Finance Committee:**

Presented that October was a 5-week month. Unrestricted giving during October was ~ \$30,000. Unrestricted giving is at ~ \$380,000: down 13% from last year. October numbers show a \$3800 loss and a ytd \$23,000 loss.

### **NextGen**

A birthday party for Jesus will be held on CHRISTmas Eve.

**Rhonda is in desperate need of volunteers.** She needs at least 10 on Sunday mornings for the 11 am service. Adults who volunteer have to be Safe Sanctuary certified. **Currently the only volunteers she has are the spouses of staff and 1 other person who serves once every 6 weeks.**

### **Youth**

Jeremy stated Youth will be attending Rebounderz in Jacksonville Florida on December 28<sup>th</sup> for the All-Nighter. Tiering the registration and payment amounts has helped. Currently have 20 students signed up to attend. Many others have stated they are going but have not paid yet.

### **Youth Council**

Meredith stated they are back in the Warehouse and the Methodist Boy's Home has attended Sunday evening service several times.

### **Music**

See attached from Becky.

### **United Methodist Women**

Hosting Donut Sunday on December 10<sup>th</sup>. They plan a Souper Bowl party in January for the food bank. This is the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United Methodist Women.

### **Board of Trustees**

The Osprey Cove lot has sold; KFUMC net profit from this donation is roughly \$10k. They have not heard from the insurance company regarding hurricane damage. The roof was repaired on the White House. Currently getting design ideas for the door covering on the east side of the building that was damaged during the storm. They have to rip up the floor in the bell tower.

Alex Blount has been elected as the new Trustee Chairperson.

### **Staff Parish:**

Dawn Jenkins is the new SPRC Chairperson.

Lay Delegate Karl Braun posed the question "What is a healthy congregation?"

October Council Meeting minutes were distributed via paper copy with one correction made of November 24, 2017 date corrected to October 24, 2017. Minutes were approved.

The Meeting was closed with an uplifting prayer from Youth Pastor Jeremy Diaz.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Presented by  
Kathy Markes  
Incoming Church Council Secretary