

## **8/27/15 Minutes -- Strategic Leadership Council**

St. John United Church of Christ

Meeting duration: 4:05 pm – 6:15 pm

Attending: Melissa Stephens (chair), Theo Baldwin, Stan Bowling, Louise Hall, Dale Sexton, Pastor Keith Haithcock

Guests: Tim Smith, Sandy Kerlin

### **Prayer and Preparation**

Meeting opened with a prayer by Pastor Keith. All read the St. John Vision and Mission.

Consensus Items approved: July SLC Minutes, 8/5/15 OMG minutes, 8/27/15 SLC Agenda, Current Church Policies (Inclement Weather Policy, Parking Lot Policy, Hiring Policy, Pastor's Discretionary Account Fund Policy, Policy for Reimbursement, Copier Policy, Remote Access Security Policy)

### **Executive Session**

SLC voted to enter into executive session to discuss recent communications concerns. The executive session began at 4:10 pm and ended at 5:30 pm.

### **Proposals, Presentations, Planning**

Installation of Lighting for Avenue Stage

- Melissa discussed a proposal from Donna Hoffman to add theater lighting to the Avenue Stage. Discussion ensued on cost impact for lighting, electrical concerns, and financial aspects related to this proposal.
- ACTION: Melissa will bring more details to the next meeting.

Carpet Installation (Pastor Keith)

- Pastor Keith provided an update on carpeting in the sanctuary. Plans have changed somewhat, such that wooden steps and flooring in the chancel and altar areas will be refurbished.

Illumination Youth Group (Pastor Keith)

- Due to lack of finances (due to withdrawal of St. John Newport), we no longer have a paid staff coordinator for IYG. Others are filling in in this capacity on a volunteer basis for now.

SLC meeting time

- Meeting time for SLC has shifted to 4:30 - 6:30 pm. Meetings will continue to be held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.

## SLC Retreat

- Tentatively scheduled for October 4-5, location TBD.

## Future meeting topics

- Social Media Presence
- Updates to existing church policies and discussion on newly-proposed policies
- Emergency Operations/Procedures
- President-Elect

**Adjournment:** Dale moved to adjourn, Stan second. Motion passed.

Minutes recorded by: Theo Baldwin, SLC Secretary