

Grace United Methodist Church
201 Isle Royale Street
Houghton, MI. 49931

Simplified Accountable Leadership Team (“SALT”) meeting

October 09, 2023

Attendance: Heather Myers, Mary Lou Vinson, ~~Bob Richards~~, Jacob Manchester, Reverend Eric Falker, Peter Larsen, Rae Vaught, Chris Walls, Zach DeYoung in attendance as well.

Mary Lou called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:02. Rae then shared a devotion, in the Wesleyan tradition...living as a disciple of Jesus. “40 days with Wesley”. Psalm 43, etc. (need input). Open minds, hands, hearts.

Mary Lou shared about Kairos Palestine and information from the Michigan Annual conference, “A Call to Promote Justice for Palestinians”. It was noted that R2023-4 was voted on and passed at the Michigan Annual conference. Mary Lou is following through on that. Our prayers go out to all of those affected by the violence in that region.

Nursery supervisor search update: Ardyth Brown is interested in interviewing for the second position. Eric, Rae, and Chris will conduct an interview and look through her application materials. They are empowered to make a hiring decision on behalf of the SALT.

A CD matured at Range Bank (~\$3,000) from funds that were designated for camp scholarships. Mary Lou suggested that we reinvest the funds into a new CD at Superior National Bank to be used for future scholarship needs.

Consensus was reached that our signatories/representatives be authorized to make such an investment for a term in the range of 5-12 months, using their discretion to choose what is most favorable from the available rates.

To that end, Eric will draft a letter naming Caryn Heldt, Peter Larsen, and Jacob Manchester as the designated signatories on all of our Superior National Bank accounts. Eric Falker will remain as a signatory on the Pastor’s discretionary account. Any other previously authorized signatories should be removed from Grace UMC accounts.

Zach DeYoung shared his vision for mission opportunities. It was agreed that we’d continue to explore options for a mission trip in the future, likely to South Dakota, perhaps to Pine Ridge.

Eric – AED interest. Consensus that we should continue to explore, Eric will acquire quotes for new and/or refurbished units. Zach volunteered to look into potential funding options for CPR training.

Open SALT seats: Young Adult – Lucy may have interest, will continue to follow-up. Youth member – Lezley Heldt is interested in serving.

SAS training discussion ensued, Eric will try to arrange an exploratory/initial meeting, potentially on the evening of 10/17.

Draft agenda for the vision lunch presented by Heather.

Eric will be on leave 11/6 – 11/20, vacation starts 11/21, back on 11/27, back in the pulpit on 12/3 (beginning of Advent).

I closed us with prayer at 8:

Respectfully submitted,
Jacob Manchester