

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING SYNOPSIS

01.22.24

1. The Executive Council Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Mike Thompson. Reggie Clemons gave the opening prayer. Voting members present were: Reggie Clemons, Mike Thompson, Emily Besser, James Gilbert, David Fenn, Dave Kafer, Eric Tompkins, Trey Praytor, Julie Cowart, Rick Jaramillo, Jay Roberts, Rebecca Llenos, Sean Smith and Brandon Jones. Member absent was Ginny Bowman. Guests in attendance were: Thea Curry-Fuson, John McClure, Terri Hildebrand, Susan McElya, Bob Bryce, Jason Porter and Amy Sprott.

The Council did not meet in December. The minutes from the November 17 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

2. Ministry Reports/Updates:

- Pastor Thea gave a very thorough report on her new role directing the Mission/Outreach area. Information was presented to the Council and guests.
- Pastor Reggie recapped 2023, stating it was a year of stability and consistency throughout the church. He was pleased how the church ended financially and the ability to pay our estimated apportionment. Reggie stated the focus of 2024 is Discipleship and Outreach/Missional Impact. The current sermon series “What We Believe” is going well and encourages communication and questions. The Lenten series “The Way” by Adam Hamilton will begin Wednesday, February 14th on Ash Wednesday. Reggie stated Bishop Harvey will preach at 8:30 Tradition and 10:45 NewSong on Sunday, Feb. 25th. Reggie reviewed the Key Indicators report from 2023 and provided updates for 2024. Reggie stressed the importance of the Executive Council and appreciates the commitment and leadership of the Council members.
- Pastors John and Thea gave their Clergy Report. John McClure stated that Family and Age Level Ministries are underway for the Spring. The Curry-Fuson shared that NewSong continues to average 100 people each Sunday and have been engaged in a live Q & A during worship.
- The Upcoming Events provided in the meeting packet were reviewed. Jay Roberts encouraged men to sign up for the Men In Action dinner at Magnolia Cajun Comfort Restaurant on Feb. 2nd. Brandon Jones also mentioned that a Men’s Bible Study will begin on February 8th.

4. Strategic Conversations:

- Bishop Cynthia Harvey will preach at FUMC Pearland on February 25, 2024 8:30am and 10:45am
- General Conference – April 23 – May 3, 2024, Charlotte, North Carolina
- Annual Conference – June 9-12, 2024

5. Sub-Committee Reports from the meeting were:

- Finance Sub-Committee: David Fenn reviewed the Year-end Financials as submitted in the meeting packet.
- Trustees Sub-Committee: James Gilbert reported that we are working to get the large oak tree on FM 518 cut down as required by the city of Pearland. We have been waiting on a letter from the City Arborist.
- Pastor Staff Parish Relations Sub-Committee: Emily Besser reported that the Traditional Connection Coordinator position has now been posted externally. In addition, the Committee was able to provide gift cards to the Staff for Christmas, and is looking to possibly offer bonuses next year if our financial position allows us to.

Motion was made and seconded to approve all reports. The motion carried.

6. Other Business: None

7. Comments/Questions from Guests:-None

8. Parking Lot Items for the Next Meeting:

- None

9. Next Meeting-February 19, 2024

10. Closed Session-A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by James Gilbert and seconded by Rick Jaramillo. The motion carried.

11. Prayer Requests-Prayer requests were offered and a prayer by John McClure:

Ricky Ford
Brandon Jones' niece and family
Reggie Clemons and family
Rick Jaramillo's sister
Barbara Pasciak
Family of Sawyer Updike
Rebecca Llenos' mother

12. Adjournment-After the closed session, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.