



LONG'S CHAPEL

Leadership Team Meeting Summary

Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:00 pm

The Leadership Team gathered on Tuesday, August 20th. We began our meeting by reading and reflecting on a passage from Isaiah Chapter 58.

After an opening prayer, we transitioned to a Ministry Spotlight where Shawn Winburn discussed our Revolution Youth Ministry and The Hangout. The first day of The Hangout for the 2019-2020 school year was on August 20th, and Shawn stated that it was a great kickoff, with two new staff members working with the program, and with lots of new student faces. The Hangout makes a great impact on the lives of the children in the program, as well as the lives of working parents in our community.

Shawn discussed that it has been a busy summer for the Revolution Youth. The youth participated in Fun Fridays which included fun day trips in the area to enjoy nature and fellowship. The middle school youth took a trip to Jonesboro, Kentucky to volunteer and the high school youth, through UMCOR, served Hurricane Florence victims in Burgaw, NC. Shawn stated that through these trips, the youth were able to minister to families, and held devotions and deep conversations around growing in Christ. The youth were also able to attend Wilderness Trails which is always an incredible experience. Shawn encourages anyone in our church who would like to attend one of these trips in the future to do so, and he thanks Long's Chapel for funding trips like these through our Operating Budget because they are life-changing for our youth. Shawn stated that through generous giving, a youth program intern, Shaun Sandefur, was able to work with the youth through the summer, and he made a great impact on the youth program. Joey Webb commended Shawn on the impact of these trips on his children, and Joey has seen the fruits of these experiences in his children in our community.

Next, Torry Pinter gave a review of our current budgets for the CEC and Open Door, as well as Long's Chapel's operating budget. The Leadership Team Council was asked what they could do help with the Music Jam Fundraiser for the Open Door. The Open Door needs help in getting tickets sold, promoting the event, and getting corporate sponsorships.

Regarding LC's Operating Budget, Torry discussed that staff expressed concerns over cutting expenses for ministries due to our current budget deficit. While our giving to the Operating Budget is in line with last year's giving, our expenses are currently higher than our giving. Shawn Winburn spoke of the willingness of himself and other ministry leaders to generate excitement over the ministries by communicating the stories internally and externally. The Leader. The

Leadership Team feels that the church needs to do a better job of communicating to the congregation all of the God Stories that result from giving to the Operating Budget, which funds our missions and ministries. If the congregation is better aware of the fruits of their giving to the operating budget, as opposed to designated (or restricted) giving, the hope is that the congregation will feel called to be more generous in giving to the operating budget.

The Leadership Team is committed to doing a better job of communicating to the congregation the amazing God stories that result from the mission and ministries of Long's Chapel, our current budget situation, and the projected budget for next year. One idea is to have a Sunday challenge where each congregant is challenged to give a certain amount over their regular giving to help fund our budget shortfall. Combined with this challenge, Long's Chapel could also hold a celebration to recognize all that God is doing through Long's Chapel in our community and beyond. In addition, Chris Westmoreland informed us that he is planning on a stewardship series for our Sunday morning worship.

Torry Pinter then gave the Leadership Team an update on our new building. Long's Chapel has closed its construction loan. Currently, it is projected that the building will be completed in July 2020, due to some delays in permitting and drawings. One exciting note is that contractors have moved dirt to create a flat area for youth to hold activities closer to the church. Finally, we will be planning a Church Conference vote in the next few months on whether to move certain endowed funds to the Imagine Building Campaign Fund. It is anticipated that this vote will be held on a Sunday morning, and further communications will be going out to the congregation on this vote.

In planning for 2020, it was suggested that incoming Leadership Team members be present for a couple of Leadership Team meetings before beginning their terms, so that they may ask questions and be better equipped to serve in January 2020. In addition, the Leadership Team will need to begin discerning how worship services will be scheduled and organized once the new facility is constructed.

The Leadership Team then reviewed and approved the July Meeting Minutes and transitioned to closed staff parish discussions before adjourning in prayer.