

Woods Chapel United Methodist Church

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For church council, Saturday, August 26th, 2000 6:00pm

Motion to Proceed

1. Motion: to open the voting and discussion at this meeting to include all members of the church, not just those on church council.
2. Motion: to commit to pray for God's guidance as we seek to discern His will for the future of our church.
3. Motion: to work to move ahead as quickly as possible to implement the recommendations from the Easum audit. [4, 42,72]

The Mission of the Church

4. Motion: That the missions statement is the plumb line of the church by which everything else is measured. [49, 51-52]
5. Motion: We affirm that the mission is non-negotiable and that everything is expendable for the mission if need be. I.e. ballfield vs parking [44]
6. Motion: that we work to create a new vision statement modeled after the following: We are committed to growing every person into the ministry of Jesus Christ by:
 - Helping them discover their gifts
 - providing training for their ministry gifts
 - Giving them permission to carry out the mission, using their spiritual gifts, within the values of the church. [50]
7. Motion: that the church begins work to identify and affirm its core values that will guide those who are active in ministry teams.
8. Motion: that in order to more effectively execute the mission, and free people to spend less time in meetings, less time talking about ministry, and more time actively engaged in ministry, we become a permission giving church effective Sept 1st, 2000 [52-57]
[See attached sheet]
9. Motion: We suspend existing church council, and other church administrative structures in favor of the redesigned, permission giving structure.
10. Motion: when we find that we are struggling to reach consensus, we are committed to pray and to carefully ask the question "What is God doing, and do I disagree because this goes against leading of the spirit and the mission of the church or because I prefer something else?" And that we consider the question "where is God's will, and where is my will?" [48]

11. Motion: that we work toward balanced programming by affirming the cycle of ministry as defined by the “inviting, forming and sending” model. [39]

12. Motion: that the church will work to come to consensus on, the identification of core ministries that currently exist, and those core ministries we desire to develop to help us fulfill our mission.

13. Motion: that We Care be recognized as a core ministry of the church and as such it will be expected to believe in and buy in to the mission/vision of the church by: [21]

- Being intentional about connecting children to Jesus Christ
- inviting parents to the church, being an intentional point of entry
- providing a hospitable/caring work environment
- work with the church & staff to ensure the success of all ministries

14. Motion: that we commit to sharing space among the various ministries. That our mission comes before our personal feelings about or preferences regarding particular programs or particular spaces in the church. [25]

15. Motion: while being committed to serve those who hurt, we agree to grow in Christ so that we are able to affirm the statement “we are called to serve, not to be served” [40]

16. Motion: that we commit to dream big. That we affirm the belief that God is big enough to fulfill his dreams in us as outlined in Eph 3:20 “God is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us” [41]

17. Motion: that we begin to teach the congregation about the importance of, and work to build small groups [64-69]

Stewardship

18. Motion: that we affirm the statement “membership is a responsibility not a privilege” [33]

19. Motion: We are committed to begin a new process of empowerment for each person to discover & use their spiritual gifts in church ministry.

20. Motion: that we commit to begin the process of embracing the covenant for leadership beginning with the key leadership positions in the church.[33]

[See attached document]

- be regular in worship attendance each week
- Be personally involved in mission work, hands on.
- Be regularly involved in an ongoing small group or bible study
- Have a personal devotional time
- Stewardship [time, talents, gifts, tithing]

21. Motion: that we commit to shift our thinking from a fundraising mentality to one of stewardship based tithing.

22. Motion: That we own the statement: “money is never the issue. The issue is always faithfulness to God.” [28]

Outreach

23. Motion: We affirm the belief that those who are not here matter as much if not more than those who are already here. We choose to be committed to both those who are here and to those who are not instead of an either or attitude. [45]

24. Motion: That we reaffirm our commitment to taking the gospel in a relevant manner to all people. That we learn to communicate through music and word in ways that will connect with every generation.

25. Motion: that while we work to nurture people of all ages, we make a stronger commitment to reach folks in their 20's, who are the future of tomorrow's church. [35]

26. Motion: that our outreach department commits to contacting visitors within 36 hours or less. [23]

Facilities

27. Motion: The nursery is identified as a core element of winning new families with young children to the church. As such, we commit to making the nursery a nicer, cleaner, safer place [25]

28. Motion: that we act immediately to install directional signage [26]

29. Motion: that we commit to providing a beautiful and inviting church plant by:

- Continuing to work to finish the building
- Continue to work to beautify the grounds
- Darken windows in steeple [27]
- Fence or plant shrubs around the ac units

Communication

30. Motion: That we work to increase communication as we are able by [30]

- Upgrade, update and maintain the web site
- Begin a daily e-mail program for news, devotionals etc.
- install monitors in the foyer for announcements
- project announcements between worship services in the sanctuary
- install bulletin boards for general church program information
- work towards computer driven multimedia in worship
- mail reports of the leadership team with the church newsletter

Staff

31. Motion: we affirm the three main tasks of the pastor in a large church as: [46]

- preach and lead worship
- mentor the staff and key leaders
- discern & cast the vision

32. Motion: we are committed to allow other gifted speakers to preach so that we receive diverse presentation and so that our pastor will have opportunities to be involved in other areas of the life of the church on Sunday morning. [47]

33. Motion: that we authorize the SPRC to hire staff to perform the tasks recommended in the audit. This should be done in a fiscally responsible manner as the church grows in its stewardship commitment. [59-64]