

**Texas Conference United Methodist Women
Leadership Team Meeting
September 15, 2017
Lakeview Methodist Conference Center
Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT Paulette Moore Hall, Endrika West, Carolyn Parker, Margaret Goodson, Suzanne McDougale, Krystal West, Theresa Graham, Donna Senter, Melba Spann, Bobbie Ledbetter, Denise DuBois, Carolyn Milby, Sandra Goins, Carolie Wakefield, Lois Butts, Velmanel Petty, Donna West, Rose Mary Taylor, Lue Wenzel, Cynthia Godsey

MEMBERS ABSENT President Paulette Moore-Hall stated that Carol Stoner, Lana Browsher, Sarah Clark, and Stacie Hawkins asked to be excused from attending.

VISITORS Members of the Committee on Nominations Doris Woodland and Marcia Butcher.

CALL TO ORDER, WELCOME The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by President Paulette Moore-Hall. She welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA Donna Senter made a motion that the agenda be adopted. The motion was seconded by Suzanne McDougale and was approved.

DEVOTIONAL Suzanne McDougale presented a devotional on faith using the scripture Mathew 21:21. She gave several quotations on faith from the Bible. After reading the information from the Prayer Calendar, she said the opening prayer.

TEAM BUILDING Cynthia Godsey had the members form groups to discuss and report on the things that they consider important at this time.

APPROVAL OF PRINTED MINUTES The minutes of the May 29, 2017 meeting were approved as printed.

CORRESPONDENCE Secretary Carolyn Parker read a letter from members of the Aurora United Methodist Women District Unit announcing the closing of the unit. The letter will be attached to the minutes. She read a note from the Bryant family in appreciation of the expression of sympathy on the death of Norma Leah Bryant, former conference president.

STANDING RULES Standing Rules Committee Chair, Carolyn Parker, reported that the proposed changes have been approved by the Leadership Team, were posted on

the website and in the newsletter, and will be voted on at the September 16, 2017 annual meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT Treasurer, Margaret Goodson, presented the treasurer's report. The report is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

BUDGET FOR 2018 Margaret Goodson presented the proposed 2018 budget and explained that some amounts have been decreased compared to 2017 due to a decrease in pledge amounts. A motion was made by Bobbie Ledbetter to accept the proposed budget and present it to the body for a vote. The motion was seconded by Endrika West and passed. A copy of the budget is attached and becomes part of the minutes.

NEW BUSINESS

Assembly 2018 – President Paulette Moore-Hall stated that there is approximately \$4,900.00 in a segregated fund. The funds will be divided among those attending. Please notify Paulette when you have registered for Assembly.

Computer purchase – A motion was made by Donna Senter and seconded by Endrika West that the Finance Committee appropriate funds to purchase a computer and printer for the Registrar. The motion carried. The purchase price will be approximately \$1,500.00. The Treasurer will email members of the committee the final estimate for approval.

Events Online Registration – Lana Browsher, Communications Coordinator, proposed that online registration be made available. Kennidi can set it up. Paulette Moore-Hall stated that she will get the specifics from Kennidi and send an email to the team to vote.

January Training Theme – Sacred Spaces was suggested. Paulette Moore-Hall will work with Lana Browsher on the details and email the information to team members.

New for Conferences Meetings – Paulette Moore-Hall stated that a Prayer Box will be placed in St. Lukes. Prayer request cards will be available in the Resource Center.

GOAL SETTING Paulette Moore-Hall stated that team members should always be approachable and watch their tone of voice and body language. She presented a presentation with the following points:

1. Hospitality
2. Be a team member
3. Communicate clearly
4. Listen to others
5. Respect each other
6. Take responsibility for mistakes
7. Be flexible
8. Set goals and make them happen

Make your goals S.M.A.R.T.

Specific

Measurable

Attainable

Realistic

Time sensitive

A video summed up the presentation.

All present broke into three groups to discuss goals. The groups presented their goals to the team.

GROUP ONE

Sponsor a trip to Laity Lodge, a Christian Retreat with programming and food provided. This could be for the Leadership Team or all United Methodist Women.

Recruit more members by focusing on younger people, new empty nesters, and newly retired. With younger people, get them involved in other activities of the church that are more appealing to the young and then ask them to try United Methodist Women.

Make mission projects more of a joint effort with others in the church.

Develop a supportive fellowship between district churches. District officers can visit and encourage each church.

GROUP TWO

Unify our team through compromise, acceptance, and flexibility with love to implement change (prayer, acts of kindness, greeting one another).

GROUP THREE

Our focus group discussed program development for United Methodist Women. We created ways in which we could let our communities know that we exist and inform them of the opportunities that there are within the organization by:

- ❖ Inviting the community and not just Methodist Women to attend our meetings.
- ❖ Informing the attendees about our organization by having tables set up-each with a different theme that informs about UMW.
- ❖ Having a speaker talk about our organization. In particular, who we are, why we do the things we do, etc.
- ❖ Utilizing the Conference Officers as a team to accomplish our goals.
- ❖ Doing activities in our communities to publicize UMW. An example given was to have a Quilting Bee at which United Methodist Women's literature could be distributed, or a speaker could talk about our mission projects, or pledge offerings. Possibly called "Piecing it all Together". The attendee could have a tangible take away from the meeting.
- ❖ We also discussed the difficulty of reaching young adults. Suggestions were to provide mentoring and offer information about UMW and allowing them to make their own path while guiding them.

REPORTS

Secretary, Carolyn Parker, reported that the directories will not be printed this year. The conference directory will be emailed to the Leadership Team members. She will ask the district secretaries to email their directories to her and she will forward to the team.

Mission u Dean, Denise DuBois, reported that due to a decrease in attendance the event format has been changed for 2018. It will be a two day event with the Spiritual Growth study on one day and the Social Issue study on another. Attendees can attend one day or two.

Theresa Graham Mission Coordinator for Education and Interpretation reported that the Hands On Project for 2018 is the School Bag. UMCOR has requested that effective December 31, 2017 the focus be on Health Kits, Cleaning Buckets, and School Bags.

Donna Senter, Mission Coordinator for Membership, Nurture, and Outreach, reported that she is assigning the providing of refreshments for the meetings to the districts. Assignments will be sent by email.

Sandra Goins, Central South District President, reported that there will be a Houston area Mission u next year. Chapelwood will host it.

Other reports were submitted and emailed to members prior to the meeting. The reports are attached and become part of the minutes.

ADJOURNMENT A motion was made by Velmanel Petty to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Margaret Goodson and carried by voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Carolyn Parker
Secretary