

# Core Team Meeting

Evergreen UMC, Evergreen, AL

March 14, 2017

In attendance: Beverly Maddox, Debbie Bell, Brennan Peacock, David Morris, Emily Kincaid, Mary Catherine Phillips, Susan Hunt, Dan Pezet, Jenn Lusher, Lance Eiland, Bob McKibben, Frank Dunnewind, Jonathan Hart, Lisa Hunt, Jason Thrower, Steve Lewandowski, Shirley Woodie, Beebe Frederick, Ron Peyton, David Saliba, Kristi McClellan

- Conference Lay Leader Beverly Maddox convened the meeting and gave the devotion and opening prayer.
- The minutes from the previous meeting were read; Beebe Frederick made the motion that they be accepted. They were approved.
- Frank Dunnewind presented the budget to be submitted to Annual Conference.
- Kristi McClellan presented the grant writing process to the core team.
  - David Saliba raised a question about the scope of the conference grant writer. Initially the priority of the grant writer is to work towards helping the conference agencies whose funding is being reduced. The hope is that Kristi will be able to do more than this for the conference eventually
- New members of the core team were introduced.
- Shirley Woodie and David Saliba led discussion about Part III of our plan of reorganization. Dr. Woodie gave the history of this plan. David Saliba gave leadership on how we might be able to clear up the misunderstanding of Part III. The recommendation made was to remove Part III from the plan of reorganization. This was done and required no vote.
- Susan Hunt presented her work on "Courageous Conversations." Susan feels this ministry is going well and has had a great start. Her work with this ministry will be reported at Annual Conference.
- Jenn Lusher reported about her work with "A Place at the Table." This ministry was begun by Clara Ester as a way for Ethnic church leaders and congregations to share about their experiences and goals. This event took place April 8 at Evergreen UMC.

- Frank Dunnewind presented a document (power of attorney, in Spanish and English) submitted by Martha Rovira. This was created to provide for the children of undocumented immigrants who could potentially be deported. This document provides security for families that could be separated by deportation. Any additions or improvements to this document were asked to be turned in to Frank or Martha.
- David Saliba asked for any new vacancies for conference committee positions that were required to go before the Annual Conference.
- Mary Catherine Phillips gave a report about the upcoming Annual Conference.
- Beverly Maddox gave a report on the laity banquet at Annual Conference.
- Lisa Hunt gave a report about ARM's bike fund raiser.
- David Saliba moved we adjourn, Mary Catherine Philips seconded, and Dan Pezet closed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

David Morris  
Secretary *pro tem*