

The Woods Baptist Church
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
November 10, 2020

Members present: Dale Hawbaker, Lon Graham, Andrea Hathcote, Teresa Kahler, Haley Melton, Zaca Wilson, and Harold Richardson

Welcome & Opening Prayer: The meeting was started at 6:34 pm, and Haley opened with prayer. Greetings to committee members and prayer requests. Shared updates.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Harold to approve the September 29, 2020 minutes and seconded by Teresa. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- a) Continue to follow COVID procedures
 - a. Concerns about volunteer fatigue
 - i. Absences during holiday season need to be communicated as early as possible
 - b. Restrooms cleaned after each service
 - i. If there is a Sunday night service, need to clean Sunday morning.
 - ii. If there is not a Sunday night service, no need to clean Sunday morning.
- b) College and Young Adults asked for another row of chairs
- c) Concerns about opening nursery
 - a. Pure in Heart classroom is available for use during service
 - b. Referred to Children's Committee about nursery and Sunday School

Discussion Topics:

- a) Church Calendar for 2021 and Between Committees communication
 - a. Avoid overlapping missions/giving emphases, resources
 - b. Goal is to coordinate efforts
 - c. Review of list of activities/events from last year
 - i. Suggested to set specific dates for Missions offerings
 - 1. Need to promote them to the congregation
 - 2. Referred to Missions Committee for setting dates
 - d. Committee Chairmen Meeting will give further guidance for developing calendar
- b) Review January 2020 Survey Results
 - a. Poor ratings and improvements were reviewed
 - i. Quality of music
 - 1. Much improved now with hiring of Zaca
 - ii. Ministry to students (college, young adults)
 - 1. Classes have begun for both groups

- b. First-time visitors parking and entrance to building pretty good, signage
- c. First-time visitors navigating inside building
 - i. Still needs to be addressed
 - ii. Need better signage
- d. Promotion to community
 - i. Improved our social media presence
 - ii. LiveStreamed services now
 - iii. May need volunteers to help continue in this area
- e. Ministry to surrounding community
 - i. Many events have been cancelled
 - ii. Need to reach the “lost” community around us
- f. Welcoming visitors
 - i. Do well at this
- g. Ministries founded on God’s Word
 - i. Good oversight for this
- h. Excellent Bible studies
 - i. Most people felt good about this
- i. Worship services
 - i. Have much improved
 - ii. Even our LiveStreamed services are very good
- j. Excellent music ministry
 - i. Did not rate high when surveyed
 - ii. Now, expect different results
- k. Wednesday Night Meal suspended currently
- l. Ministering to all ages
 - i. Scattered results
 - ii. Improvements recently
- m. Come and Watch events
 - i. People seemed to like Summer Celebrations
 - ii. Difference between being “at” church than “in” church
 - iii. Opportunities to partner with community groups for witnessing
- n. Discipleship
 - i. Area of need for leadership
- o. Communicating plans and goals to guests
 - i. Challenge in current climate
 - ii. Newsletter works well
 - iii. Facebook notifications
 - iv. Church calendar may help
- p. Developing leaders
 - i. Did not have leaders to develop
 - ii. Slowly improving, but needs focus

- q. Visitor follow up
 - i. Easier now to get name or contact info
 - r. Effective outreach efforts
 - i. Area for improvement
 - s. Open ended questions
 - i. Areas TWBC does well
 - ii. Areas TWBC does not do well
 - t. Building rated well for needs at time
 - u. Ministries like to see started primarily focused on college, young adults
- c) Priority List for 2021
- a. Ministry to those who have been impacted by COVID
 - i. Psychological
 - ii. Financial
 - iii. Physical
 - b. Leadership for Youth Committee
 - i. Wednesday night activity for youth
 - c. Wednesday night Bible Study
 - i. Creative ways to develop and have fellowship
 - d. Mission Trips/Reaching out to community

New Business:

Next meeting will be January 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Haley to adjourn and seconded by Harold. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 pm. Dale closed the meeting in prayer.