

The Woods Baptist Church
Long Range Planning Committee Meeting
January 11, 2022

Members present: Dale Hawbaker, Lon Graham, Andrea Hathcote, Dana Fry, Teresa Kahler, Harold Richardson, Zaca Wilson, and Holly Lutmer

Welcome & Opening Prayer: The meeting was started at 6:33pm, and Dale opened with prayer. Greetings to committee members and prayer requests. Shared updates.

Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Teresa to approve the September 15, 2021 minutes and seconded by Dana. Motion passed.

Old Business:

Andrea will continue to serve as Committee Secretary.

Committee will issue a statement to church (edited as necessary): If you do not feel well, please stay home. TWBC continues to livestream the service on Facebook each Sunday. We look forward to seeing you when you feel better.

25th anniversary committee has formed to handle details. They will work with Kitchen Committee to ensure precautions are taken.

Discussion Topics:

- a) Quick review of church health in 2020 and 2021
 - a. Made it through pandemic and flood
 - b. Continued to see people visit, join
 - c. Lost many TWBC members
 - d. TWBC remained faithful, patient, done well
 - e. Done well financially
 - f. God is with TWBC, especially related to insurance and repairs after flood
 - g. Young adult ministry and college ministry grown
- b) Compare 2020 survey and 2022 survey results
 - a. 1st time visitors can find parking (agree)
 - b. 1st time visitors can find entrance (agree)
 - c. 1st time visitors can find destination in building (disagree)
 - d. TWBC promotes itself to community well (split, improvement over last year)
 - e. TWBC effective minister to community (split)
 - f. Welcome visitors well (agree)
 - g. Ministries are founded on God's Word (agree)
 - h. Excellent Bible study (mostly agree)

- i. Excellent worship service (mostly agree)
- j. Excellent music ministry (mostly agree; significant change from last survey)
- k. Wednesday evening meal (agree)
- l. Minister well to all ages (split; much improvement since last survey)
- m. "Come and watch" events done well (split)
- n. Discipleship and mentoring excellent opportunities (more disagree)
- o. Communicating plans and goals to members and guests (agree; improvement over last survey)
- p. Excellent at developing leaders (split)
- q. Effective in outreach efforts (split)
- r. Location is asset to ministry to community (agree)
- s. Buildings not a hindrance (agree)
- t. Buildings are adequate for current needs (agree)
- u. Buildings are adequate for next 3 years (agree)
- v. Encouraging ministries
 - i. Sunday morning Bible Study
 - ii. Sunday morning Worship
 - iii. Wednesday evening Bible Study
 - iv. Scattered other results
- w. Fill in blank responses
 - i. Stopping Sunday evening (which was done)
 - ii. Starting ministries
 - 1. Discipleship
 - 2. Feed the hungry, homeless, foreigners
 - 3. Mission groups, particularly to children
 - 4. Meeting in homes
 - 5. Multiple age groups (inclusive, cross-age groups)
 - 6. Young married couples, family classes
- c) Discuss 2022 ministry goals
 - a. Visitor Awareness
 - b. Discipleship/Leadership Development
 - c. Outreach
- d) Discuss new ministry opportunities
 - a. Grief management
 - b. Allowing room on Sunday mornings for guest speakers, others, leadership development as Lon feels led
 - c. Visitors finding stuff in building, gathering visitor information
 - d. Provide directories/member information to new members
 - i. Everyone wears nametags
 - e. Consider having at least 2 people team up to start a ministry

New Business:

Next meeting scheduled for March 23, 2022.

Adjournment: Motion was made by Harold to adjourn and seconded by Holly. Motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:56pm. Dana closed the meeting in prayer.