

## **Combined Minutes of the Session Committees April 2022**

### **Children's Ministries Committee Minutes:**

In attendance: Barbara James, Heather Tackett, Katrina Beltran, Lyndsey Dottavio, Mayra Escamilla, Mimi Wells, Keri Mosk, Brenda Vega, Melissa Goeden, Laura Tingleaf, Kristy Lancaster, Rachel Poysky, Barbara Mueller

**Opening Prayer/ Devo:** Brenda Vega shared how being involved in the development of children is like being a goalkeeper in some ways. We try to catch the enemies thrown at the children and defend them. But all great goalkeepers also need to rely on their coach and trust them. In the same way we need to rely on God and trust Him and go to Him for guidance.

**New Team Members:** We are happy to welcome:

Melissa Goeden to the Children's Ministry Team as the Administrative & Events Coordinator. Melissa will support the overall ministry and assist with special events. She grew up at MDPC and fondly remembers Summer Celebration and all the Youth events as well.

Karen Enamorado will join the Children's Ministry team as the Director of Early Childhood Programs on April 18th. This includes Little School and Yellow School. Karen led the ministry for children with special needs at MDPC for several years.

### **Upcoming Events Status**

- **Prayer Request:** We NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS for all events. Please pray that more volunteers sign up for we can open the doors for more children to attend. Teens can receive service hours.
- Easter Village on April 16<sup>th</sup> from 10-12: Everything is ready, but we could use a few more volunteers. Mission Project is Essentials Packs for Star of Hope or Ukraine.
- Palm Sunday: Five elementary children will be baptized by immersion. Palm Branch Processional during 11:15. Petting Zoo animals will be in the breezeway.
- Easter Sunday will include Preschool Worship at 9:45 in English and 11:15 in Spanish. Easter Faith & Fun Hunt. Childcare will be available. Sunday School classes for K-5 are not being held
- Super Place Camp Registration is full and there are campers on the waitlist. All we need are more volunteers to be buddies and we can reopen the registration. MDPC is hosting Super Place Camp this year.
- Summer Celebration: 684 campers are registered and 40 are on the wait list. More volunteers needed

- Registration for Summer Sunday School volunteers will start soon. We will encourage children to bring their parents to Show & Tell and assist the class as well.

### **Nursery/Child Care**

- Attendance continues to increase. New Curriculum is working well.
- Parents Night Out has 90 children registered.

### **Preschool**

- Increase in attendance due to Baptisms and new families, they may need more rooms.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> Serve Day from 10-11:30
- New curriculum offers a lot of different opportunities
- First time visitor Bags and Birthday cards are being sent

### **Elementary**

- Mission Extreme: Registration is full, and a waitlist has been added. There are three sessions (June 7-9: 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade; June 14-16: 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade; June 22-23: Kinder-1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

### **Safe Haven/Kaleidoscope**

- Parents Nights Out on May 7th
- This summer MDPC will be hosting Super Place Camp (VBS for children & Teens with Special Needs). It will be held on August 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Registration is full and we need more volunteers to open registration for more campers.

### **Little School**

- Fall Registration is full

### **Yellow School**

- Fall registration is full.
- Parents will be doing Easter readings.
- Field Day

### **BPC**

- Attendance continues to increase

### **Fuente**

- To make Sunday School registration easier we will set up a Check-In Station near the Chapel.
- On Easter Sunday Mayra will provide Sunday School in Spanish for the Fuente Preschoolers.

### **Upcoming meetings and Devotionals**

- May 3rd – Mayra Escamilla
- Aug 2nd -- Heather Tackett
- Sept 6th -- Kristy Lancaster
- Oct 4th -- Rosymare Silva
- Nov 1st -- Laura Tingleaf

### **Creative Worship Minutes:**

Monday, March 28, 2022

Present: Alf, Michael, Christina, Charlie, Kathryn, Beth, Rachel, Meliza, Amanda Grace, Dan, and Amanda

#### **April 3:**

- Adding a Speaker Series video to the services; Living Water video too
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#### **Palm Sunday, April 10:**

- Immersion baptisms at 9:45; in Thursday email, will send out an explanation for immersion baptisms, starting with we did them at Mo Ranch, and since we haven't been there, we want to continue the practice
- Since we anticipate there to be more interest, we need to set a new date soon for immersion baptisms
- Dan, Alf, Almir and Rachel will discuss the choreography of the baptisms
- Palm procession of children at 11:15; will have palms available for children at 8:30 and 9:45
- Plan to film the baptisms to show on Easter and highlight the theological significance of resurrection from death to life and immersion baptism

#### **Maundy Thursday, April 14 at 7 pm in the Chapel**

- Communion service with anointing oil
- Hybrid communion option of either intinction or the packets

#### **Good Friday, April 15 at noon in the Sanctuary:**

- Special musical presentation as part of the worship service; choir with 16 string players, harp, piano, and organ
- Regular worship elements, such as two congregational hymns, prayer of confession and scripture
- Alf to preach for 12-15 minutes; total length of service to be 70 minutes
- Fuente to meet that night at 7

#### **Easter, April 17:**

- Marketing: Christina has targeted ads and social media videos for Easter Festival and each of the services
- Courtyard at 7 am will not be livestreamed (other options that morning); will move to Sanctuary if bad weather

- Contemporary at 8:30, Family friendly at 9:45 and Traditional at 11:15 in sanctuary; Easter box for children at 9:45; brass quintet, timpani with choir and organ at 11:15, including Handel's Hallelujah Chorus
- Will have a breakfast snack
- Plan to have plenty of bulletins in the overflow lobby areas; texts will appear on the TVs

#### **Youth Sunday, April 24:**

- 9:45 will be the targeted service for the youth with a game at the top, and worship elements led by students
- Rachel will lead a panel with 4 seniors, followed by a 7-8 minute wrap up; Alf will give a special benediction at 9:45
- For 8:30 and 11:15, Rachel will lead a panel of 2-3 seniors
- Services include testimony video of 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders
- Youth are invited to sing with the choir, and a couple of students will sing with the 9:45 worship team
- Instead of a closing senior video, there will be a senior booklet
- Youth reception at 11:15 in the Courtyard
- Will keep the extensions up from Good Friday and Easter

#### **Sunday, May 1:**

- Communion and First Communion
- Blood drive

#### **Mother's Day, May 8:**

- Start of the Lost in Translation sermon series
- Baptisms at 9:45 and 11:15 (not immersion); will invite people who haven't been baptized to consider immersion baptism and mention new date (still TBD)
- Teacher recruitment video to include a message about mom's
- Children's music component at 9:45 and 11:15; Rachel to confirm with Gigi
- Backdrop for photos in breezeway or near the parlor

#### **Legacy Sunday, May 15:**

- Dave P. will preach at 9:45 and 11:15; Alf will ask him to give a brief meditation at 8:30 and/or Words of Institution
- Plan to make 8:30 a different format, such as communion and more prayer time; plan to have a different format at 8:30 several times a year
- Legacy video

#### **Pentecost Sunday, May 22:**

- New members, which is appropriate for Pentecost
- Plan to have red drapes on the crosses, more Spirit-focused music; light visuals on the sides of the Sanctuary

- Outreach video about Amazing Place
- Stephen Leader commissioning at 8:30

### **Memorial Day Weekend Sunday, May 29:**

- Outdoor service with barbecue? Members bring desserts?
- Honor those who have passed away in the past year at this service or at an 8:30 service in the Chapel
- Time to honor healthcare workers of our different ministry partners; invite them to the service?
- No cost meal for everyone, but take up donations to help healthcare workers
- Choir sing gospel music?
- Pastors to discuss

### **Finance Committee Minutes:**

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes March 21 ,2022

Present - Sandy Smith, Oliver Aldrich, Bob Davies, David Nelson, Gerald Bennett, Wade Jones, Dena Bankett, Dave Steane, Tom Caver, Joe Quoyeser, Bert Baker, John Kemper, Marcus Jones

Absent – Hobert Plunkett

1. Gerald opened the meeting in prayer.
2. Ollie proposed and John seconded approval of February minutes which the committee approved.
3. Dena reviewed the financial results for February. The highlights are as follows:  
Contributions are ahead of plan by \$236k and last year by \$308k. Continue to be good in March.  
Other income is up significantly due to reach programs and some contributions made due to cancelled ski trip.  
Approx. \$70k of costs not posted and corrected statements will be sent out.  
After that correction ministries will run close to plan in February,  
Schools doing better both full and increased some tuition. Still need info on discounts etc to make reclasses and correct tax reporting. SS will follow up on this.  
The balance sheet continues to be strong, and the investment committee met with TPF and are comfortable our investments are appropriate.  
The audit starts on Monday
4. John reported on proposal to forgive remaining balance of Mauricio's loan when he retires in July. This is approx. \$27k plus tax impact of \$10k. This goes to session next week
5. No outreach report
6. Wade reported on theme for this year's campaign. He also reviewed proposed restructuring of committee to include at large members and possible subgroup to represent a range of age groups.
7. Sandy reported on two AFE's for \$25k and \$10k both to be paid from Legacy. The first will cover replacing staff computers and laptops for the rest of the year and the second Mac's being replaced.

8. Sandy reported that Legacy had its first meeting of year. Funds currently exceed \$4million most of which is in general funds. There is a "wish list" of capital projects of approx. \$1million which will be addressed as needed.
9. Dave explained we were interviewing various IT providers and would keep us posted as this develops.
10. Next meeting date -Tuesday April 19, (changed from Monday due to new holiday) via zoom.
11. Dave closed us in prayer

### **Generosity Committee Minutes:**

March 9, 2022

Generosity Committee Goal: *Foster a culture of Christian generosity through year-round education and encouragement and increase financial pledging and income by 5% annually*

- 1) Opening Prayer, Reverend Steane
- 2) Approval of February Minutes, approved-no changes
- 3) Old Business
  - A. Generosity Campaign Theme/Ginny Glass, we discussed multiple themes for the 2022 Generosity Campaign and decided on a theme centered around "I'm in" or "I'm all in". Essentially encouraging everyone to participate and get on board with the Radical Generosity that exists at MDPC. Ginny and her team are working on the campaign materials.
  - B. Revision of Committee Structure, we discussed the make-up of the current Generosity Committee and decided to recommend a change that will allow for more at large members and will include representation from multiple generations. (20's,30's,40's,50's). This recommendation has been sent forward for consideration.
  - C. Sub-Committee-intergenerational input on Campaign. We agreed that since the committee make-up will not possibly change until next year, we should attempt to get input from members in different age groups this year in order to help us be successful reaching the different generations in 2022.
- 4) New Business, no new business was brought to the table.
- 5) Giving update, Ava Caliendo, received three additional pledges in March for a total \$14,500 bringing our total number of pledges to 496 and our total amount pledged to \$8.197M.
- 6) Closing Prayer, Wade Jones

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 13th, 12:00, MDPC-Room TBD, may possibly have a sub-committee meeting instead. \*\*\*Generosity committee decided not to meet during the month of April.

### **Outreach Committee Minutes:**

April 11, 2022  
6:00 PM, Room 171

**Attended By:** Amy Delgado, Melissa Peter, Amber Caver, Allison Daughtry, Hobert Plunkett, Kelsi McCormack, Kay Lynn Kuper, Mariel Braun, Bob Holloway, Tom Braschayko, Bob Davis

**Absent:** Ellie Torres

**Devotional: Amber Caver - Dave Peterson – Footwork John 13: 13-14**

**Budget – Amy** – Everyone was sent their updated budget. Additional funds are available for new partners.

**Adding New Partners - Melissa, Amy, Kelsi** - We have identified 8 possible new partners who are in various stages of vetting to determine if they will be offered an opportunity to apply. If applications are offered each committee will have the opportunity to review these prospective partners and recommend funding for approval.

### **Funding Approvals:**

#### **Health & Special Needs – Allison Daughtry**

- **Parent Project Muscular Dystrophy** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$11,000 (Designation S Texas Family Camp Weekend)
- **Be An Angel** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 (Hearing Aids Houston)
- **Joy Ride** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$18,000
- **Prayers of the People** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000 (Houston operations)

#### **Discipleship & Education – Amber Caver**

- **Camp Aranzazu** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$18,000 Designation of funds: Underwrite the cost of camping programs for Houston area partners.
- **Camp for All** - 2022 Funding Recommendations: \$10,000 Designation of Funds: Camper Scholarships

- **Camp Blessing** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 Designation of Funds: To be used for a new water well to fill the lake, a wheelchair accessible dock or camper scholarships
- **Camp Cho-Yeh** 2022 Funding: \$50,000 Designation of Funds: Camper Scholarships
- **Stoney Creek** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000 Designation of Funds: Camper Scholarships

#### **Children Family & Housing – Mariel Braun**

- **Family Point Resources** 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000
- **Buckner Family Hope Center at Aldine** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 Designation of Funds: Aldine Location Operations
- **The Forge for Families** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$30,000
- **Casa de Esperanza de los Ninos** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000 Designation of Funds: Operating funds (food & household expenses for one year for three homes in the Casa de Esperanza neighborhood)

#### **Spring Branch & Hunger – Tom Braschayko**

- **Gracewood** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$20,000
- **East Spring Branch Food Pantry** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$4,000
- **NewSpring** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000
- **Urban Outreach Incorporated** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$40,000

#### **Global – Ellie Torres**

- **The Antioch Partners** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$35,000
- **Frontier Fellowship** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$25,000

#### **Global Missionaries – Ellie Tindell**

- **Missionary Partner: Jeff Burns** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000  
Funding made out to: Common Ground Consultants, Designated: Burns
- **Missionary Partner: Chris and Jaime** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$10,000  
Funding made out to: Frontiers, Designated: Missionary #004554
- **Missionary Partner: The Hall Family** - 2022 Funding Recommendation: \$15,000

#### **Volunteerism – Melissa Peter**



A List of volunteer opportunities with all of our partners has been compiled. Bite size opportunities and along with other volunteer opportunities are listed on the MDPC website: <https://www.mdpc.org/volunteer/opportunities-to-volunteer/>

Upcoming, Bite-Sized Servings: May 3, 7:00-10:30 AM – Teacher Appreciation Day at Yellowstone Academy and Generation One. See MDPC.org, and Melissa.

Kelsi – Please continue to pray for Ukraine.

**Closing Prayer** - Hobert

### **Young Adult Ministries Minutes:**

SUNDAY, APRIL 3

Members Present: Mariel Braun, Jordyn Emmert, Connor Smith, Rachel Poysky, Sharon Johnson

Members Excused: Kaitlin and Nick Mueller, Stefano Doval, Yvonne Ramirez

1. Rachel opened the meeting with prayer.
2. The group discussed the statement *Jesus helps me in my daily life by .....*
3. Ministry discussion
  - a. Dynamo game update – 3 tickets (out of 30) remain for the Dynamo game. A reminder will be posted. Rachel will email the tickets to everyone.
  - b. Hospitality
    - i. Greeting in the lobby – Each class will take turns providing a greeter in the lobby before and after the 9:45 service. The Parish will begin in May and provide a volunteer for each Sunday. Sign-up will happen with Sign-Up Genius that Rachel will create.
    - ii. Snacks were discussed. The group decided that the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month will be Taco Sunday and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month will be Doughnut Sunday. Sharon will coordinate the snacks.
  - c. Summer service project – The group is interested in volunteering at the Fuente Food Bank on Saturday, June 11. The hours will be 7:30-10:30, then the group will go to a restaurant for brunch. The information will be posted on Instagram.
  - d. Welcoming Sally and Ben – The group discussed a dinner for all the Young Adults on Friday, July 8 to welcome Sally and Ben. Chuy's on Westheimer was discussed as a possible location for the dinner.

Each lead team member will bring a small gift to place in a gift bag for Sally and Ben.
4. Additional new business

- a. Attending an Astros game again this year was discussed as a possibility.
  - b. Having a Game Night was also discussed.
  - c. Micah mission trip – There was a discussion about how those who are unable to go on the mission trip might be able to participate (e.g., provide much needed items that the trip participants could take). We'll continue to monitor the status of the mission trip.
5. Rachel closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sharon Johnson  
Elder for Young Adults