



Notes from LC Meeting 10/25/2021

Attendance in person – Tina Kirkland, Nick Cawood, Kim Rollbuhler, Greg Faber, Greg Walker, Steve Skeen, Andy Triplitt, Rev. Herzen Andone, Susan Coker, Doug Stanton, Blake Roberts, Amy Holt, Josh Faile, Jenny Hurt, Chris Owenby, Robert Bergstrom, Sarah Schuenemeyer, Steve Brooks.

Attendance via zoom – Travis Jones, Kerri Muffett and Rev. Dorcas Rodriguez

Absent – Rita Faber, Rachel Blend, Thomas Parker, Brian Cartwright, Jason Johnson, Beth Vaughan, John Gerick, Mariellen Jacobs, Lauren Cox.

Devotion and Opening Prayer – Susan Coker -Susan read the following scripture – Matthew 9:36-38, John 21: Feed my Sheep, Peter 3:15, Exodus 4:10-12, Isaiah 55. Susan spoke about Harvest due to this time of year we are currently in, seeing pumpkins leaves changing colors and just having a fall festival on campus. If we loves Jesus, we pray for workers to “send out”. Be ready, what do you do when you get the harvest? Don’t forget to proclaim the gospel, it time to get busy.

Spiritual Growth Report – Travis Jones – Travis spoke about the spiritual growth council, and they were in discernment for 2022. The focus will be on the bible to study scripture and the books. Travis mentioned one study named Culture Shock would be offered.

Financial Report – Steve Skeen – All financial reports are available just reach out to Andy and he will email all to you. Steve mentioned that 94 to 95 percent will be the line for the 2022 budget. Steve mentioned to ask your friends around church to make a pledge and that Hillsiders are very faithful givers to that pledge. (Ask for reports for other details)

Women of Hillside Report – Beth Vaughan – Jenny reported that the women's retreat info that Tina emailed to you to please pass along through the church – Date November 13th from 9 to 4, cost is 25.00 and includes lunch. Speaker is Denise Roberts, and the message is titled Why Did God Choose...?

Also please bring in gently used items for shop for mom, drop off area will be in celebration hall they need wrapping paper and bows and tape as well.

Preschool & Academy Report – Greg Faber

Hillside Preschool and Academy currently has 386 students enrolled. There are a few openings across all grades; one student just enrolled today in a Third-Grade class!

This week we held Costume Parades on Monday and Tuesday - almost felt we were back to normal with all the chatter and excitement!

During our most recent Preschool and Academy Board Meeting, we discussed how the Preschool and Academy wanted the church to appreciate what a community-wide mission is being provided by our dedicated staff. We are addressing ways in which we can make the church overall more aware of what an impact the Preschool and Academy is making and appreciate anything you can do to help make that possible.

Weekly devotions are returning after having been postponed due to Covid restrictions. Devotions will be held every Tuesday morning for over 70 staff members, led by Hillside staff and laity as well as Preschool lead personnel. The schedule has been determined through the remainder of the school year and is fully staffed. Thanks to Linda Wilson for all the hard work!

On Wednesday October 27, Pelican's on North Main Street in Woodstock is having a Spirit Night for Hillside Preschool and Academy from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Go by and purchase any item at Pelican's and tell them you're from Hillside Preschool and Academy and they will donate part of your purchase. Proceeds will go towards funding a new playground and sensory garden on the Hillside grounds.

It's our FIRST EVER Hillside Preschool & Academy Pelican's Spirit Night!

Come join us at Pelican's and enjoy a yummy snowball treat! Stop by any time between 4:00p.m. and 7:00p.m. on Wednesday, October 27th. When you place your order, tell them that you are with Hillside Preschool & Academy and a portion of your sale will come directly back to our school. We are using these funds to help build a new academy playground and preschool sensory garden. What a great way to visit with your friends and support our school at the same time! We hope to see you there!

Lots going on! You are certainly welcome to spread the news about our phenomenal students, faculty and leadership at the Hillside Preschool and Academy - it's all something Hillside and be proud of!!

Blessings!

Greg Faber for Thomas Parker and the Preschool and Academy Board

Information – Tina Kirkland

Charge Conference is 11/9 at 6:30 via zoom Tina will send the link to everyone. Let's talk terms 2021 vs 2022 terms are as it until the end of 2021, I would ask everyone to work together and finish well and better yet start great. If you have new leaders coming into new positions, they will start 2022 make sure you invite them to meetings and welcome them during this coming new year.

Please get the word out for all the items that I have forwarded along to you in the last several weeks, we need help in the areas of Forever Fed, Christmas Angels, Shop for Mom, and the Women of Hillside ladies' day retreat. Please send to your ministries and groups of interest.

Hillside UMC Report - Rev. Herzen Andone Herzen thanked the laity leaders of the committees for all their work this year especially during covid and beyond. Many churches have not recovered well from covid, and we have lots to be thankful for. Covid hit many churches overall systems hard. Churches will close its easy to take thing for granite and we should always never do that. Be mindful of the ministry that goes on around you. Herzen thanked the staff for their incredible effort on a daily basis of moving ministry ahead. Through this recent series of Job, we saw the idea and how creative all teams are in many different areas. This was a 30-chapter challenge, also thanks to Daniel and Victoria and team for putting all of this together. We will need to be responsible and balancing as we move into the new year. Confirmation will be November 21st we will have 17 confirmands and 9 will be baptized, plans are to see the names in advance to lift prayers for all confirmands.

Herzen mentioned Circle of Friends the coffee shop in Chattahoochee Tech in Downton Woodstock look to see more of this connection as Hillside will connect with this ministry moving forward. Look in November as we head into Renewal, we will have commitments cards sometime that month. The cards will be brought to alter during Epiphany Sunday to lay your gifts at the cross. The focus will be prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. This will be a focus on the word service Herzen mentioned. On December 17th we will partner with The Way again from 6:00 to 8:00 for a downtown outreach more details to come stay tuned. As we come to Advent and Christmas be in prayer, we are happy to have inside Christmas Eve Services with the children's musical as well.

Additional items before closing – Men of Hillside had 40 in attendance for Wings Night, the men's retreat was a great ministry outreach and the golf tournament raised around 50,000 for community ministry.

Fall Festival had about 1,100 to 1,200 in attendance and probably more. Children's Ministry will be in the parade on December 5th, the Christmas Musical will have 55 children in the musical.

We have 371 Christmas Angel stars this year and delivery day will be December 12th. We also have Christmas Angel stars in various other places in Woodstock and TowneLake that are not counted in this number.

Please make plans to attend the Christmas Concert on December 10th and December 12th, the choir will also be in Downtown Woodstock signing carols so plan to join them and listen to the beautiful music and fellowship more details to come. The choir has been signing for Forever Fed and will be going to Must very soon.

