

Agenda for Monday August 28, 2023 Hillside Leadership Council Meeting

To be Held in Fellowship Hall at 7pm

- Opening Devotion.....Herzen
- Introduction of Leadership Council New Members.....Claire Sutton and Danika Beaton and *Re-Introduction* of Michael Cromwell
- Overview of Special Called Church Conference on July 11th and Subsequent Update on the Disaffiliation Timeline.....Andy

We had our vote 86.4% to disaffiliate. Our letter was sent to the district.

We have not had many people leave the church since the vote, but we are seeing increased attendance.

Biggest thing we can do right now is pray for November 18th and the ratification of the vote.

Next steps: independent research on what we should do next. After ratification we will come together and vote on next steps.

Potluck dinner on 10/11 – Communion

Night of Worship 11/9 – Praise and worship

- Financial Update as per July '23 Report.....Steve Skeen

July was a very good month. We finished at 102% of budget of total revenue.

We are right on target for expenses.

2 more pledges in July

Cost of moving forward unfunded pension \$136,392, Tech grant \$3,000, apportionments \$135,000 plus 2024 apportionments.

\$421,687 (total non-budgeted) = \$286,676.70

November 19th – season of renewal will begin (opportunity to give above and beyond toward cost of disaffiliation)

- Missions Programs Including the *Summer Lunch Program, Give a Kid a Chance, Forever Fed and Orphanage Emanuel.....Sarah S.*

Summer Lunch = 2,200 meal kits which is 22,000 meals

Stick around Sundays help to create meals

Another Stick around Sunday in September

Give a Kid a Chance – 800 kids in 3 hours – 300 families – 140 volunteers with 100 from Hillside.

Forever Fed has seen a huge increase in families served. 160-170 families served per week. Current demographic is 80% English speaking – 20% Spanish speaking.

Need more volunteers for the food pantry.

Orphanage Emmanuel trip over Fall Break – 11 team members.

Pre-planning for Christmas Angels is underway. Start 11/5 and continue every Sunday in November. Hoping to adopt out family groups together.

Hillside Sunday School classes cooking a meal at the Hope Center every month.

Not planning a February trip through HOI

- Children's Programs including *Summer Bible Camp, Vacation Bible School and Promotion Sunday.....Jenny Hurt*

Successful Summer Bible Camp with an increase of kids. \$62,060 (\$10,000 more than expected)

VBS was amazing with 421 kids and 180 staff and volunteers.

Promotion Sunday we launched small groups for Elementary and had 85 kids.

Hillside Kids Sunday was fantastic and Blessing of the Backpacks!!

Musical Auditions coming up on 9/10

- Our Youth Ministry Growth and a Look at the 2023-24 School Year.....Steve Brooks

Snowbird 58 students and 7 adults – Herzen came too!

Students still spending time in the word from habits learned at summer camp.

Summer Wednesday nights are student run during the summer.

4 hours of leadership training, 23 of our juniors and seniors attended.

Junior High and Senior High on Wednesday Nights. Last year 17-18 average in x-zone – now 26 coming consistently. 25 Senior high last year in TNT and this year we are averaging 46!

Our Flock = 120 students 6th-12th

Fall Retreat – Labor Day weekend – Camp Gideon

Etowah's FCA is run by Hillside Students

Woodstock- FCA we have 1 on the Leadership team.

River Ridge – there are 2 students on that Leadership team.

- Guest Services Update and 2023 Membership Growth/Attendance Trends.....Kerri Muffett

In 2022 averaged 585 which includes Christmas, In 2023 averaging 642. August the attendance has grown. 27 new members. Since 1/1/2023 we have had 246 new individual visitors (104 families), 101 individuals returned for the second time.

- 2023-2024 Pre-School and Academy Key Initiatives and Start of School Year Attendance.....Greg Faber

We updated our logo/name to **Hillside Christian School, Preschool & Academy**

Our current enrollment school wide is 350. This is slightly lower than normal. We attribute this to the increased number of opportunities for state funded pre-k and the nature of the economy. All in all, our program is healthy and thriving.

We currently have 79 staff members.

We have hired off duty Cherokee County Sheriffs to be on campus 5 days a week during the school day.

We have installed a new security door in the hallway behind Celebration Hall to close the secure space and separate the school from Forever Fed.

We are developing and adding an Advanced Academic Instruction program to our Academy. This program will serve the most advanced learners in our elementary program.

Sixth Grade was added this year and is off to a great start.

We are waiting on approval to begin work on a basketball court behind the church near the Academy Playground

We have plans in place for several fund raisers including a corn hole tournament in November that will be open to the community.

- Reminder of Next Leadership Council Mtg. Monday Oct 23rd then Closing by Herzen

Will discuss Charge Conference items at this meeting.