

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
October 10, 2016
MINUTES**

Our Mission: "Inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving Carlisle and beyond."

Present: Gary Ankabrandt, Jeff Barnes, Kathy Charette, Ron Chipriano, Kerm Leitner, Stephanie Peffer, Tracy Sands, Jim VanZandt, Lois Weibley and Bill Yufer. Absent: Mira Hewlett. Guests: Marian Gibble, John Seaton and Frank Williams.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by Kerm Leitner, chair, following an Executive Session with our District Superintendent, Barry Robison.
- II. Kathy Charette led the meeting with opening devotions and prayer.
- III. Moments with the Pastor
 - A. Pastor Jim reported he was touched by the congregation's recognition of him and Mira for Pastor Appreciation Month. He thanked everyone for the gifts and cards. He expressed optimism of the wonderful opportunities at CUMC now and in the future. He also shared that 14 folks had attended the Coffee with the Pastors on Sunday.
 - B. Kerm read "word for word" Mira's thanks to the LC and the congregation for the recognition during Pastor Appreciation Month. She is already planning her Segway Tour in DC and has spent some of the Amazon Gift Card. She enjoys reading every card, and when she can't understand the handwriting she inserts nice things.
 - C. The Contemporary Service at 9:45am has reached a point where we have to figure out what to do with the growing number of children attending that service.
 - D. Eight people have signed up for the new members' class beginning October 18.
 - E. Theology Pub had 16 people meeting at the CUMC Annex, and they enjoyed the new setting. A young adult mission trip is being planned with the South Carolina Conference in June.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. During the Executive Session, Jeff Barnes updated the LC on the Smith Farm property acquisition and the Building Committee progress for selecting an architect and contractor. Much of this information will be shared at the Church Hall Meeting on October 23 at 2pm.
 - B. There are four candidates for the three open Leadership Council seats. Their names will be released in an insert with their biographies in the church bulletins on October 16, 23 and 30 as well as being posted on the kiosk in the Gathering.
 - C. On Sunday, October 16, the LC will meet with Scott McKenzie, the Capital Campaign consultant, from 4:00-5:30pm.

V. Finance Report

- A. Stephanie presented updates on the audit report of 2015. The LC will now be able to see that many of the recommendations have been closed, and that there remain a few outstanding.
- B. The LC was given a document listing the Finance Team's recommendation for Expense Approving Officials. LC members need to review the primary and secondary signatures required for expenses and send Stephanie any changes as soon as possible.

VI. Old Business

- A. Weapons Policy Update: Kerm reported our Conference has a weapons policy that all church facilities are to be free of weapons. He noted an arrest can be made only if we have a weapons policy. The Carlisle Borough Police Department is still reviewing our inquiry regarding this policy. Officer VanVolkenberg is still reviewing the policy draft written by Gary Ankabrandt. There is no opposition to adopting this policy.
- B. Church Hall Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23 at 2pm with a focus on Discipleship. The agenda was sent to all LC members.
 - 1. Each LC members will have a two-minute presentation.
 - 2. Each LC members will have handouts to be given to attendees.
 - 3. Handouts are due by October 12 to be sent to Joanna and Kerm.
 - 4. LC members will be seated in the front row and will move to stools at the front of the Sanctuary during Q&A session.
 - 5. The LC members will meet on Saturday, October 22 at 8am at Panera Bread to review the agenda before the Church Hall Meeting.

VII. New Business

- A. Timetable for the orientation of new LC members:
 - 1. Election of three new LC members will be held on November 6. The hope is that all candidates could be introduced to the congregation at the October 23 Church Hall Meeting. By that time the bio information will have been printed in two bulletins prior to the Church Hall Meeting.
 - 2. Following the election, the three new members will participate in one or two orientation sessions on a non-meeting Monday evening.
- B. Prior to exceeding expenses, budget areas must have approval by the Leadership Council. The budget for youth activities, mission trips and retreats requires some adjustments and increases to finish out this budget year. A detailed budget outlining the requested changes will be submitted to the bookkeeper to revise the youth budget for 2016. The following changes are needed:
 - 1. Operating Revenue: An increase of \$7,540
 - 2. Operating Expenses: An increase of \$10,558
 - 3. Youth Budget Net Increase: \$3,018
 - 4. Following a motion by Kathy Charette and a second by Stephanie Peffer the LC approved the revision of the GROW Youth budget operating revenue increase of \$7,540, operating expense increase of \$10,558 with a net increase of \$3,018.

- C. Kerm and Connie invited LC members and spouses to dinner at the Leitner's Home on Friday, November 11 or November 18 to honor LC members Gary Ankabrandt, Kathy Charette, and Lois Weibley, whose LC terms will be completed on December 31, 2016.

VIII. Around the Table

- A. Pastor Jim announced a Charge Conference will be held on November 5 at 6pm to elect lay members to Annual Conference. To date, only two people submitted their names to represent the congregation; there remains one opening.

IX. Following a closing prayer by Pastor Jim, the open session was adjourned at 8:00pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 1, 2016 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Gibble, Recording Secretary