

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**November 1, 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, Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner, Tracy Sands, Jim VanZandt, Lois Weibley and Bill Yufer. Absent: Stephanie Peffer.  
Guests: Marian Gibble and John Seaton.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:47pm by Kerm Leitner, chair, following an Executive Session.
- II. Ron Chipriano led the meeting with opening devotions and prayer.
- III. Moments with the Pastors
  - A. Pastor Jim:
    1. Reminded everyone to turn back their clocks on Saturday night.
    2. On November 5, 6-8pm a Charge Conference Meeting will be held at Middlesex UMC. Worship will be held with our cluster of UMC churches, followed by a CUMC-only Charge Conference. Elections will be held for the church treasurer (currently Jeff Harpel), lay leader (currently Ann Cook), and lay representatives to Annual Conference (currently Joanne Reynolds and John Seaton). There is a possibility that a third representative to Annual Conference will agree prior to the charge conference.
    3. Mark your calendar for upcoming events: Christmas Eve Services at 4pm, 5:30pm, 7pm and 10pm; Christmas Day at 10am; and New Year’s Day, Worship Services at 8:15am, 9:45am and 11am.
    4. Both Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira have had an opportunity to share CUMC’s unification success story during recent meetings with other churches.
  - B. Pastor Mira:
    1. Pastor Mira participated in a meeting in Hughesville, which is currently exploring the merger of two churches located on the same block.
    2. Pastor Mira is conducting a leadership class at Messiah College tomorrow.
    3. The offering collected for the Haiti Hurricane was \$4,469.
    4. International Disaster Relief will go to the Bahamas.
    5. Emergency requests are higher during this time of the year. Pastor Mira distributed to the LC a leaflet, “Emergency Assistance in Carlisle, PA” that the church staff and pastors use in guiding those in need.
- IV. Announcements
  - A. Kerm reminded the LC of procedures for minutes:
    1. Open Session Minutes

- a. Marian sends the draft minutes to Kerm and Kathy for review, edit and approval.
- b. Marian makes the edits and sends the minutes to the LC for review, edit and approval.
- c. Marian makes the LC edits and provides a final copy to all LC members and pastors.
- 2. Executive Session Minutes
  - d. Kathy sends the draft minutes to Kerm and Jeff for review, edit and approval.
  - e. Kathy makes the edits and sends the minutes to the LC for review, edit and approval.
  - f. Kathy makes the LC edits and provides a final copy to all LC members and pastors.
- B. A dinner honoring Gary Ankabrandt, Kathy Charette and Lois Weibley for their service on the LC will be held on November 18 at 6:30pm at the home of Kerm and Connie Leitner.
- C. Finance
  - 1. 2017 Budget Draft
    - a. The budget is being finalized and should be provided to the LC for review and approval in the next week.
  - 2. 2016 Budget Review
    - a. The budget review is not quite complete. There are areas that require an increase to finish out the year and some areas that will not spend the budgeted dollar amount. This review should be complete in the next week.
- D. At the conclusion of all three services on Sunday, November 6, all members of CUMC will be able to vote for three of the following four candidates for Leadership Council: Christina Benson, Jeff Boley, Jack Maddox or Roger Woods. Members must be present to vote, as there are no absentee ballots, no early ballots and no late ballots.
- E. The next Church Hall Meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, March 5, 2017, at 2pm in the Sanctuary.

## V. Old Business

- A. Weapons Policy Update: Following a motion by Tracy Sands and a second by Gary Ankabrandt, the LC unanimously approved the weapons policy adopted by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, which prohibits the possession or use of any weapon on church property. This provides the church with a policy that authorizes the police to arrest and remove the weapon from an individual on church property. It is not required to post this policy.
- B. The LC reviewed the Church Hall Meeting of October 23. It was felt the meeting went well, and Jeff's announcement of a possible buyer for our present facility was well received. Nine LC members were present, and 23 individuals made presentations. Pastor Jim hopes that the process of introducing each LC candidate be followed in the future.
- C. Kathy recommended we make the date of electing LC members standard by amending the By-Laws. It could always be the first Sunday of November. This would help individuals to plan and for the scheduling of church events.
- D. Plans were finalized for election procedures on November 6:
  - 1. Tracy and Lois will collect the ballots at the end of the 8:15am service. They will place the ballot boxes in the Sacristy when voting is complete.
  - 2. Jeff will collect the ballots at the 9:45am service and will take the ballot boxes to the Sacristy when voting is complete.
  - 3. Gary and Ron will collect the ballots at the 11:00am service and will take the ballot boxes to the church office when voting is complete.

4. David Price will count all ballots and will contact Kerm with the results.
  5. Kerm will email the LC with the results of voting and will call the four candidates.
  6. If there were a tie, a runoff vote would be scheduled for a later date.
- E. CUMC Annex renovations were completed. The final cost was \$3,294.59 with a budget of \$6,380.00—under budget by 48%. This does not include what Jeff and Sue Barnes voluntarily spent to renovate the facility.

#### VI. New Business

- A. Kerm presented signage created for the Spring Garden Campus by Mira and Rhonda Dyson. Attached to a wooden sign will be a banner approximately 4 ft. x 4 ft. The sign will be installed on the property and not on Spring Garden Street. By consensus, the LC approved the sign. After settlement and weather permitting, we will have a sign up for the Consecration Service. Two signs will be developed in the future – the first listing the anticipated construction dates and the second identifying the anticipated completion of the building.

#### VII. Around the Table

- A. Pastor Jim thanked the LC for giving of their time and hard work to the church. He stated it is a privilege to be working with them. He is excited about the new building.
- B. Chip stated that right after the 11:00am service on November 20, decorations will be removed and greens will be put up for the Christmas season. An Angel Tree will be put up in the Gathering for Children and Youth and Salvation Army Children. All help would be appreciated.
- C. Lois reported on the Variety Show on October 30. There were 13 different acts, allowing people to show their gifts and talents. The show was a success with 138 people in attendance. Kerm thanked Lois for organizing this event.
- D. Bill reminded everyone of the mission team going to Pittsburgh this weekend. Depending on how this trip goes, this may be a future event. The team will be rehabbing low-income housing and helping in other ways.

VIII. Following a closing prayer by Pastor Jim, the open session was adjourned at 6:45pm.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 21, 2016 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at 5:30pm.**

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Gible, Recording Secretary