

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
January 15, 2018
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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

Present: Jeff Barnes, Christina Benson, Jeff Boley, Ron Chipriano, Debbi Goeltsch, Wayne Henderson, Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner, Jim VanZandt and Roger Woods. Absent: Stephanie Peffer. Guests: John Seaton and Marian Gibble (Recording Secretary).

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:26pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Pastor Mira during the Executive Session.
- III. Following a motion by Christina Benson and a second by Roger Woods, the Leadership Council elected the following officers to serve two-year terms: Kerm Leitner, chair; Ron Chipriano, vice-chair and Wayne Henderson, secretary.
- IV. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the appointment of Marian Gibble to serve as the Council’s recording secretary for 2018.
- V. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Jeff Barnes, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the appointment of Kathy Charette to serve as the Council’s budget overseer for 2018. In this capacity, Kathy will continue to conduct Quarterly Budget Reviews and report results to the Leadership Council.
- VI. Moments With the Pastors:
 - A. Pastor Jim:
 1. We had a very successful advent season and received positive comments about our Christmas Eve services.
 2. We received positive thoughts about the movie-themed sermon series.
 3. The WGAL coverage of the Christmas Eve Service at Clarmont led by Pete Posey provided CUMC with some very positive public relations.
 4. December 2017 was CUMC’s most successful month financially since the unification of the church.
 5. We have had a sluggish start in January 2018 due to weather conditions.
 - B. Pastor Mira:
 1. The Haiti Team returned from Haiti on Friday night after a great mission trip. The group was small and very relaxed. She had good conversations with Haitians in Mellier about future commitments there. They had fun meeting with other people throughout the US who were also on mission trips in Haiti.
 2. Today LLLC had Grandparents Day with over 70 grandparents. Pastor Mira conducted a chapel service with the grandparents

3. Updated directories will be in mailboxes in the Gathering this week, and Leadership Council members will also receive electronic copies this week.
4. A narrative of the “2018 Carlisle UMC Budget” was handed out to all Leadership Council members. This narrative will be included in the worship bulletins on January 28 when Wayne Henderson will be making a presentation during the offering.
5. Pastor Mira thanked Jeff Harpel and Wayne Henderson for their help in putting the narrative together.

VII. Announcements

- A. During today’s Executive Session Jeff Barnes gave SGC updates and Pastor Mira presented the second of four presentations about her Lake Institute project.
- B. Church Hall Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 11, at 2pm in the Sanctuary. Both the Leadership Council and the Building Committee will be making presentations with a question & answer period ending at 3:30pm.
- C. Kerm commended Pastors Jim and Mira for the Christmas Eve Day and Eve services and for conducting 7 services. All services were very meaningful.
- D. The Staff/Leadership 2018 Christmas Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 1 at Mt. Asbury.
- E. The bishops of the Methodist Church wrote a letter of condemnation of President Trump’s racist comment about immigration and had copies of the letters for members.
- F. Kerm will be busy the week before and after the February 19 meeting preparing for the Televised WITF Spelling Bee on February 24.

VIII. Old Business

- A. A subcommittee consisting of Jeff Barnes, Ron Chipriano and Kerm Leitner developed “Guidelines for Filling a Leadership Council Seat” to be used in conjunction with the revision to the BY-LAWS of Carlisle United Methodist Church. Roger suggested a personnel interview process be added to the Guidelines, and this was incorporated as Item 3, D. Following a motion by Christina Benson and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved “Guidelines for Filling a Leadership Council Seat.”
- B. A sub-committee consisting of Wayne Henderson, Kerm Leitner and Stephanie Peffer will update the Personnel Manual. Gary Ankabrandt and Bill Bunt have volunteered to review the revisions which will be brought before the February 19 Leadership Council meeting for approval.

IX. New Business

- A. Preparations and agenda were discussed for the Church Hall Meeting of February 11, 2018 at 2pm.
- B. Sexual Harassment Training will be conducted for Leadership Council members and all staff members on February 5 or February 12 from 5pm-6:30pm.

X. Around the Table

- A. Jeff Boley noted that Rich Charette will be retiring and recommended the Leadership Council begin thinking about getting a replacement. Rich will be retiring in May.
- B. Chris Benson announced Winter/Spring GROW Adult classes will be starting this week. She asked the Council to think about summer class topics.

- C. Wayne Henderson noted that nobody should be surprised if the amount budgeted under Rock Allowance for the SGC could easily double. Jeff Barnes noted this is a fluid amount until we actually start excavation.
- D. Pastor Jim thanked everyone for their prayers and support in helping him deal with his dad's health issues. His dad is doing well.
- E. Ron Chipriano reported on behalf of Serve, he's back. A Serve meeting is scheduled for January 23.
- F. Debbi Goeltsch announced a Yoga class is being considered.
- G. Jeff Boley, Rich Charette and Jeff Barnes will be meeting about Facilities. Jeff Boley will be responsible for the current facilities and Jeff Barnes will continue with the growing responsibilities of our new facility.
- H. Kerm noted additions to worship teams in the areas of Scripture readers, acolytes, adult choir members and Sunbeams choir members.

XI. Open Session adjourned at 7:15pm with prayer by Pastor Jim.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 19, 2018 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at approximately 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary