

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
January 30, 2017
MINUTES

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

Present: Jeff Barnes, Jeff Boyle, Ron Chipriano, Mira Hewett, Kerm Leitner, Jack Maddox, Stephanie Peffer, Tracy Sands, Jim VanZandt and Bill Yufer. Absent: Christine Benson. Guests: Dick Felty, Marian Gibble and John Seaton.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Kerm Leitner, chair, following an Executive Session.
- II. Devotions and prayer were led by Kerm Leitner.
- III. Moments with the Pastors
 - A. Pastor Jim was excited about the responses he received for the John’s Challenge. Quite a few worshippers have informed him that they met the Challenge and Jim will be praying for them monthly.
 - B. Pastor Jim reminded LC we have three weeks before the start of the Capital Campaign. Worship services will be related to that theme. He noticed a positive outlook among the congregation.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Kerm noted the following items were discussed during the Executive Session:
 1. Updates to the Spring Garden Campus plans.
 2. Personnel items.
 3. Approval of Pastor Jim’s request to move into his own residence this summer.
 - B. On Thursday as Kerm met with Pastor Jim, Kerm mentioned the great job that Mira had done during his absence as she attended to everything. Jim encouraged Kerm to say something publicly tonight. “Mira, thanks for everything that you did during Jim’s absence which had to be extended due to his illness. We appreciate all that you did and have continued to do until Jim is cleared for hospital visits. We are so blessed to have you and Jim as our pastors.”
 - C. Kerm will be on vacation starting this Friday through Tuesday.
 - D. Kerm thanked Jeff Barnes for meeting with the architects, Waldon Studio, and for the presentation on Sunday, January 29. Attendance was very good: 148 attended the 9:45am presentation and 58 at the 11:00am.
- V. Financial Report – Jack Maddox reporting
 - A. CUMC’s Shares of Ministry 2016 assessment by the Conference was \$139,232. We had previously paid 88% of that amount, or \$123,088. Since that 88% payment, we received a surplus of money at the end of 2016, and the LC considered giving a portion of that surplus

towards our Shares of Ministry assessment. Following a motion by Jack Maddox and a second by Ron Chipriano, the Leadership Council unanimously approved giving half of the surplus to Shares of Ministry and the balance towards the regular ministries of the church. With this surplus in contributions, we will be paying 92% of our Shares of Ministry assessment.

- B. At the end of the 2016 fiscal year, receipts totaled \$1,374,380 and expenditures totaled \$1,365,658.
- C. CUMC's total net asset value is \$10,297,000.

VI. Capital Campaign – Dick Felty reporting

- A. Dick Felty, chair of Connection Team of the Capital Campaign, gave a brief review of the Connection Team. The team will consist of about 10-15 volunteers and will have one training session with Scott McKenzie on March 2. The team's work will include calling church members via cell phone or emails. Kerm will give Dick a list of prospective names for the team to contact.

VII. Old Business

- A. Church Hall Meeting will be held on March 5 at 2pm.
 - 1. A brief LC meeting will be held on Saturday, March 4, at 8:30am at Panera Bread.
 - 2. Jeff will conduct an update on the new facility, and updates from Pillars and Areas of Responsibility will be made.
 - 3. Childcare will be provided.
 - 4. A slide presentation of settlement and the Consecration Service will be shown following Pastor Jim's opening and prayer.
- B. Emergency Response Guide – It is ready to be published but has been placed on hold until all of the Capital Campaign materials have been published. Kerm thanked Kathy Charette, Ron Chipriano and Pastor Mira for getting the materials ready for publication.

VIII. New Business

- A. Pastor Jim reminded the LC of their commitment to serve the church. He requested that each LC member complete the 2017 Covenant Agreement for him.
- B. Pastor Jim reviewed the main channels of communication the church has with its members: (1) church website, (2) weekly bulletin, (3) email blasts, and (4) newsletter. He recommended LC evaluate the newsletter and wondered if it would be more effective if it were distributed quarterly to cut back on expenses. This item was tabled until the next meeting. A March newsletter will not be produced.
- C. LC Stewardship Team Subcommittee – Tracy Sands, reporting
 - 1. Tracy reviewed dissatisfaction with the company presently handling our online giving.
 - 2. The Stewardship Team analyzed other companies handling online giving and recommended CUMC change to Site Organic Online. Tracy presented the attributes of their site. Following a motion by Tracy Sands and a second by Bill Yufer, the LC unanimously approved CUMC discontinue the use of Vanco Online Software for online giving and replacing it with to Site Organic Online Software.

3. Tracy will present information about using Site Organic Online Software at the March 5 Church Hall Meeting.
4. The switch to using Site Organic Online Software will begin February 15.
- D. The date of the next LC meeting will be Wednesday, March 15.

IX. Around the Table

- A. Pastor Mira: A goodbye party was held on January 26 for Alison Mellott. Her replacement as director of Little Lights Learning Center, Danielle Graham, began working on January 26.
- B. Jeff Barnes received a request from Master Networks Carlisle Chapter to use one of our classrooms on a regular basis, every Tuesday from 8-10am. This non-profit organization is not incorporated and does not have insurance. Following a motion by Jeff Barnes and a second by Tracy Sands, LC unanimously approved the use of one of our classrooms every Tuesday morning from 8-10am by Master Networks Carlisle Chapter.
- C. Jeff Barnes thanked Rich Charette and John Emig for saving the church money by investigating and finding a leak in the water main.

X. The open session was adjourned at 7:07pm with prayer by Pastor Jim.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 2017 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at 5:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Gibble, Recording Secretary