

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL’S CHURCH HALL MEETING
SUMMARY OF PRESENTATIONS AND QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
March 5, 2017**

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

- I. Welcome and Opening Prayer, Pastor Jim VanZandt, 2pm.
- II. Announcements and Greetings, Kerm Leitner, Chair.
 - A. Introduction of three newly elected Leadership Council members: Christina Benson, Jeff Boley and Jack Maddox (Terms: January 2017 – December 2019).
 - B. Three Leadership Council members’ terms will expire this year as of December 2017: Kerm Leitner, Tracy Sands and Bill Yufer. Elections for these positions will be held on October 29.
 - C. Slide presentation: Settlement of Spring Garden Campus and Consecration Service.
- III. Reviewing 2016 and Looking Forward, Kerm Leitner, Chair
- IV. Updates from Pillars and Areas of Responsibility
 - A. CONNECT Ron Chipriano
 - B. Facilities Jeff Barnes
 - C. Finance/Legacy Jack Maddox
 - D. Finance Stewardship Tracy Sands
 - E. GROW Adult Christina Benson
 - F. GROW C & Y Kerm Leitner
 - G. Personnel Stephanie Peffer
 - H. SERVE Bill Yufer
 - I. WORSHIP Jeff Boley
- V. Spring Garden Campus and Smith Farm Updates, Jeff Barnes, reporting
- VI. Responses to Questions Submitted in Advance
 - A. Are furnishings included in the price ranges for the 3 options? For instance, what about tables, chairs, chancel furniture, and any special equipment needed for the new facility, such as height lifts or maintenance equipment?
 - 1. Question submitted online by Charles L. Reynolds.
 - 2. Response by Kerm Leitner and Jeff Barnes: Yes, we have budgeted \$700,000 for furnishings, equipment and IT in the price ranges for each option. We have also budgeted a 10% contingency on top of the total estimated project costs within those price ranges should our estimates prove to be low and to accommodate changes

along the way. The architect specializing in interior design will be using proven rule of thumb estimates to provide CUMC with all of the equipment which we will require to operate our new church.

- B. Congregation members were encouraged to sign up for one or more of the twelve building teams to give everyone a chance at input and suggestions. The Land Development Team met four weeks ago. Question: What is the status of the other teams?
 - 1. Question submitted online by Ken Houser.
 - 2. Response by Kerm Leitner & Jeff Barnes: To date, most of the building teams have not met. As we began design meetings with Waldon Studio Architects in January, Waldon advised us to hold on those meetings until some of the initial master planning design work is compiled and put on paper. We're following the architect's lead at this point, and they will direct the Building Committee as to when each Building Team should begin meeting as the year progresses.

- C. In looking at the three possible scenarios regarding the size of our new church, why would we even consider building a structure smaller than the current one?
 - 1. Question arose during a recent Capital Campaign Small Group Presentation.
 - 2. Response by Kerm Leitner & Jeff Barnes: First, depending upon the results of the first Capital Campaign, a 45,000 square foot structure is possibly the largest we can afford to build without going into long-term debt. Secondly, but probably more importantly, in the world of architecture in 2017 "Less is More." By designing spaces creatively and with flexibility, eliminating long corridors and hallways and building on one floor, our architects will be able to increase the amount of useable space over what we currently have available. As we're all aware, there is a substantial amount of wasted space in our current 60,000 SF facility as a result of its being built in 5 individual phases over 100+ years and incorporating 6 separate structures on 7 different levels.

VII. Responding to Questions from the Floor

- A. What is the structure of the Spring Garden Campus going to be made from: brick, metal, etc.
 - 1. Question by Monteen Bard.
 - 2. Response by Jeff Barnes and Kerm Leitner: We have no idea. Building plans have not yet been decided by the Building Committee. Plans are to incorporate three styles of worship in the sanctuary. Kerm reminded everyone to become involved by signing up to be a part of any one of the Building Committee's subcommittees in order to be a part of helping to decide on building plans.

- B. With all of the nonprofits becoming part of the Smith Farm Updates, will we have any forest left on Spring Garden Campus?
 - 1. Question by Bonnie Weiser.
 - 2. Response by Kerm Leitner & Jeff Barnes: You will see a lot of nature. In fact, if the church votes on a plan that envisions the pulpit near the existing wooded rock ridge area, we would see lots of trees in the forested area around the rock and might even be visible behind the pulpit. South Middleton Township restricts development in the portions of

the site defined as “steep slope” wooded areas so those will remain as they are. However, again, building plans have not yet been decided by the Building Committee. Keep in mind that when we say developing the rest of the farm, this means that only a certain amount can be developed.

- C. The plans for Spring Garden Campus include a traffic circle near the South Spring Garden Street entrance. Has the Building Committee considered that because there is a hill at this point, we could have icy conditions at that entrance?
 - 1. Question by Joanne Parsons.
 - 2. Response by Jeff Barnes: Rock removal on that ridge at the site entrance will be extremely expensive. The budget includes removing rock, but we want to keep it to an absolute minimum. We can also place some fill in front of that rock ridge to flatten the slope leading to the top of the ridge – either way we will certainly keep in mind winter conditions at this access location! Our architect suggested that if we leave the entrance elevated, you would get a better view of the property and church structure as you enter the site and we also like that idea.

- D. It was reported earlier in the meeting that we had a higher-than-normal water bill in our present facility because of a break in the water pipes. Has our water bill decreased after this problem was fixed?
 - 1. Question by Joanne Parsons.
 - 2. Response by Jeff Barnes: As you know, water bills in the Carlisle area are divided into two parts: water and sewage. There is nothing we can do about the water we lost during the leak since there was a break in our pipes. However, we have put a request into getting a reduction on our sewage rate. We have not received our next water bill since the fix was made but are certain we will now see a large reduction in water usage when that bill arrives.

- E. In reference to contributing online, will the church’s tithes and offerings be decreased if we request online contributions only once a month instead of weekly? Did the church consider that there are some months that have five weeks?
 - 1. Question by John Seaton.
 - 2. Response by Tracy Sands: The church does not get less because either by contributing weekly or monthly, you are still contributing a committed amount for the year. With our present online system, at the end of a year, you will be contacted via email about whether you want to continue giving or change the amount of giving. Any changes can be easily changed online. If you have problems, feel free to contact the church office.

VIII. The Church Hall Meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Mira, Associate Pastor, at 3:30pm.

Attendance: 110

Submitted by,

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