

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**April 16, 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, Stephanie Peffer, Jim VanZandt and Roger Woods. Absent: None. Guests: John Seaton and Marian Gible (Recording Secretary).

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:50pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.

II. Devotions were led by Pastor Jim during the Executive Session.

III. Moments with the Pastors:

A. Pastor Jim:

1. The Easter season was very encouraging.
2. Several people expressed appreciation for the new sermon series, Half Truths.

B. Pastor Mira:

1. On Friday a 7-member VIM Team will be going to Florida to install metal roofing for a house that is getting lots of rain following the 2017 hurricane season. We received over \$4,000 in donations that the team will be taking with them.
2. A VIM Team of 10 will be going to Puerto Rico in June.
3. Theology Pub met last week with 15 people. The young people are insisting this continue during the summer season.

IV. Announcements:

- A. During the Executive Session of the Leadership Council and following a motion by Stephanie Peffer and a second by Christina Benson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the hiring of Lisa Myers for the new part-time staff position of Adult GROW Support. The Leadership Council also received updates on the Spring Garden Campus and the Capital Campaign.
- B. Kerm Leitner thanked Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira for their outstanding leadership during Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter during which they led thirteen services. He also thanked Connie Leitner for her musical leadership at ten of those services.
- C. Kerm Leitner thanked Christina Benson, Roger Woods, Wayne Henderson and Ron Chipriano for joining him in speaking at the Holy Week 7am services. According to Pastor Mira, these were the best-attended 7am services since CUMC was formed. Pastor Mira also thanked Jody Monoski and her team for providing the delicious breakfasts every morning.
- D. Kerm Leitner thanked Pastor Mira for her tree expertise and thanked Jeff Barnes for his updates of the SGC planning at Executive Sessions.
- E. In planning the Informational Sessions on April 22 and the Building Committee's recommendations on May 6, time for Questions and Answers has been built into both presentations. Information will be unique at both; therefore, it is strongly encouraged that CUMC members attend both presentations. There will be no Q and A sessions following the

May 6 presentation and prior to the vote on May 13. Any questions which arise should be directed to members of the Building Committee.

- F. We have a buyer for the organ in storage. Roger Woods will draw up a Bill of Sale for the organ.
- G. Plant-A-Tree day is planned for Saturday, April 21 from 1-3 at SGC. Pastor Mira ordered trees to be planted; each tree is being sponsored by a church member. Besides the planting of trees, kids' games and snacks will be available. The latest design of the SGC building will also be presented at this event. Wayne noted we need to be aware of mud on the road during this event—we could be charged for cleanup by the Borough.

V. Finance Report, Wayne Henderson reporting

- A. Wayne distributed financial reports for March and noted giving was \$737 over budget.
- B. Attendance was good during March.
- C. Kathy Charette's work has been very helpful in keeping our budget in line, and she will be conducting a budget review of the first quarter.

VI. Old Business

- A. May 13 voting results will be posted online by Rhonda as soon as possible following the vote. The results will also be available on the Mid-Week Minute and the Bulletin Wrap on May 20.
- B. A 30-45 minute Harassment Awareness Training for Leadership Council and Staff will be conducted at the May 21 Leadership Council meeting at 5:00pm.
- C. The annual Leadership Council Service Project is scheduled for June 16. The service project is to be determined. Leadership Council members will be discussing the book, "The Kaleidoscope Effect" by Scott Chrostek.
- D. The Little Lights Learning Center license has been reinstated. Inspection was conducted while Pastor Mira and Kerm were holding the fort down. Summer Camp enrollment has been filled. Linda Rohm and Natasha Yearsley are working well together. Please keep Natasha in your prayers. (Since the meeting, Natasha reported to Pastor Mira and Kerm on April 17 that LLLC has retained its Four Star stature.)

VII. New Business

- A. On June 3 Leadership Council will lead worship services, and assignments were made. Pastor Iva O'Brien will be the guest speaker at all three services.
- B. Two new homeless camps are noted at SGC. One of the camps is in the portion of our property that is in South Middleton Township (SMT) and the other is not on our property but in the park. The state police are responsible for SMT, and Kerm has been advised by them to call for their assistance when serving the trespass notice. Pastor Mira's neighbor is a state trooper, and she will contact him. (On April 17, Jeff Barnes informed Kerm that the camper on our property has moved.)
- C. It is anticipated that a combined Groundbreaking/Mid Capital Campaign event will be held at the SGC on a Sunday afternoon in September if the permitting at our new property is completed in a timely manner. Debbi Goeltsch and Debbie Washinger are coordinating this event.

VIII. Around the Table

- A. Ron Chipriano and Wayne Henderson reported:

1. They have seen an increased demand for Samaritan Fellowship assistance. They distribute between \$6,000-\$7,000 every Saturday morning.
  2. At My Brother's Table, increased attendance is noted, even during snow storms.
  3. Rich Charette gave Ron an update of the Mellier Micro Credit Program, Mellier, Haiti. The church had originally established a goal of \$15,200 toward this project; however, to date, \$23,000 has been received!
- B. Chris Benson reported:
1. Theology Café initially had 12 sign up; however, as of last night 17 are attending.
  2. A Thank-You Breakfast for Teachers is scheduled for May 5.
  3. Book Chat signup is ongoing.
- C. Roger Woods is happy Lisa Myers is on board to help with paperwork.
- D. Kerm reported:
1. Pastor Mira asked Connie and Kerm to have the children sing the Sunday after Easter to avoid a drop in attendance after Easter. Attendance was again excellent on that Sunday.
  2. Sunbeams children's choir now has 27 attending. They will next sing at the Combined Service on May 6 and on Mother's Day.

IX. Open Session adjourned at 6:56pm with prayer by Pastor Mira.

**Next Meeting: Monday, May 21, 2018 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at approximately 5:45pm.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary