

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
May 15, 2017
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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

Present: Jeff Barnes, Christina Benson, Jeff Boyle, Mira Hewitt, Kerm Leitner, Jack Maddox, Stephanie Peffer, Tracy Sands, Jim VanZandt and Bill Yufer. Absent: Ron Chipriano. Guest: Marian Gibble (Recording Secretary) and John Seaton.

I. The meeting was called to order at 5:45pm by Kerm Leitner, chair, following an Executive Session.

II. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Bill Yufer.

III. Moments with the Pastor

A. Pastor Mira:

1. Church directory update forms were distributed at Sunday’s worship services, and we received many responses. The new directory will be distributed at our Anniversary Services on July 9.
2. Carlisle Mile race will be this Thursday, May 18 at 6pm. CUMC has 3 teams running, with Stephanie Peffer coordinating. We were encouraged to cheer the teams on by standing on West High Street as the runners race.
3. Little Lights Learning Center is having graduation on Wednesday night at 6pm.
4. Eleven scholarship applicants received \$19,400 this year through CUMC scholarship funds.
5. Because we now have 20+ kids during the 9:45am Contemporary Service, we are changing Time on the Mat in the MPR to a different format during the summer. The families appreciate the work being done with the kids during this service.
6. Pastor Mira will be off during the Memorial Day weekend, leaving Friday for Georgia.

B. Pastor Jim:

1. Annual Conference representatives, Sue Baxter, Joanne Reynolds and John Seaton attended the Annual Conference. Sue Barnes headed the Hospitality Table and will be taking over the Hospitality responsibilities at next year’s Annual Conference. Jeff Barnes helped Sue this year. This year’s Annual Conference was held at Hersey Lodge because of construction at Messiah College. The venue worked out well at Hershey Lodge, even though it was more expensive. The Bridge will have an article concerning an initiative for which we prayed in May. This will be brought up for a vote at a later date with no editorial comments. The Conference is asked to pray for this.

IV. Announcements

1. We had a great attendance at Mother’s Day services, with 599 in attendance and 282 at the 11am service. Kerm noted Pastor Jim’s sermon was directed towards older women

of the church and that we should continue to encourage the older people of the church to volunteer in various programs within the church. Kerm stated that after hearing his sermon, he decided to run for reelection to the Leadership Council.

2. Kerm thanked Jeff Barnes for his great sermon on Sunday a week ago. He also thanked Jeff Boyle, Jack Maddox, Chris Benson and Stephanie Pepper for their contributions throughout the services. Kerm received a number of compliments about that service.
3. Kerm thanked Pastor Mira for her prayer at Mother's Day service. She included prayers for all the various roles of women.
4. Kerm shared the following new mission statement of the Little Lights Learning Center approved on May 9 by the Little Lights Board: "Sharing the love of Jesus Christ with families in our community by providing quality child care and preschool services." He thanked Eric Sands and Pastor Mira for working with him on this.
5. At next month's Leadership Council meeting on June 19, CUMC's three lay delegates to Annual Conference (Sue Baxter, Joanne Reynolds and John Seaton) will present a 10-15 minute report of this year's annual conference.
6. The Leadership Council will lead worship services again next year on the Sunday following Annual Conference, June 3, 2018, as they did this year on May 7.
7. Sunbeams' Picnic will be held on May 16.

V. Financial Review

- A. Jack Maddox reviewed financial data as of April 30, 2017:
 1. April Tithes and Offerings: \$86,337.93.
 2. Year to Date Tithes and Offerings: \$316,202.61 (73.66% from envelopes and 26.24% from online giving).
 3. General Fund cash balance: \$243,448, approximately 11% above \$218,667 budget.
 4. April Operating Revenue: \$111,188.
 5. April Operating Expenses: \$95,111.
 6. April Non-Operating Revenue: \$99,917 and \$222,257 from Spring Garden Campus.
 7. Year to date Net Operating Revenue: +\$21,174.
- B. Kathy Charette submitted her First Quarter Budget Review to Leadership Council members. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Jack Maddox, the Leadership Council unanimously approved revising its approved 2017 budget to reflect the changes outlined in the First Quarter Budget Review dated May 10, 2017. The changes will increase the total income by \$3,540, increase total expenses by \$8,410, and the net cost to the church will increase \$4,870. The chair expressed his thanks to Kathy Charette for conducting the First Quarter Budget reviews with each department and formulating the recommendation, which the Leadership Council approved.
- C. Jeff Barnes met with Erin Fleet, who urged the church to budget another van.

VI. Old Business

- A. Chris Benson reviewed the Barnes & Miner Comedy Show on Saturday, May 13. She felt it was successful, with 120 attending. In addition to \$10 admission charge, money for the show came from the GROW budget. The show was a thank-you for the Adult Grow teachers and their contributions to the church.
- B. Information Meetings:

1. Kerm thanked Jeff Barnes for conducting the Information Meetings on April 30. There were 139 attendees. After the meeting, Kerm received expressions of thanks from congregants for the meeting.
 2. Kerm thanked the Building Committee for their continuing work. He encouraged everyone to send a note of appreciation to the Building Committee.
 3. We have three more Information Meetings. The question was raised about having these meetings recorded. By consensus, the Leadership Council will pilot the videotaping of the Questions and Answers segment at the next Informational Meeting on June 11 to determine whether to continue this taping service during the other two summer sessions scheduled on July 16 and August 20.
- C. Giving the pastors the Sunday off following Annual Conference is a practice that will be continued in the future.
- D. Day Away for LC is being planned for Saturday, June 24. Pastor Mira will schedule a service project for half a day. One of the activities will be an opportunity for our new LC members to reflect on what we did for orientation last year, what was helpful, what was not helpful, and what can be improved in the 2017 orientation.
- E. Kerm is forming several subcommittees related to the September vote. Subcommittees will be:
1. What will be the ballot question? Subcommittee members: Pastor Jim, Jeff Barnes and Kerm.
 2. Distribution and control of the ballots. Stephanie Peffer will head this subcommittee comprised of Bill Bunt, Jack Maddox and Bill Yufer.
- F. Closing Phase 1 of the Capital Campaign/Next Steps.
1. Capital Campaign Phase 1 runs for three years, through 2019. Dick Felty will develop strategies to send out newsletters to update the congregation on the Capital Campaign, updates on amounts received, celebrating the half-way point and final celebration.
 2. LC needs to keep Capital Campaign 1 on its agenda throughout the next three years.
 3. Kerm thanked Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira for their work on the Capital Campaign and expressed his appreciation for their maintaining the confidentiality of the campaign.

VII. New Business

- A. A new subcommittee consisting of Tracy, Chris and Jeff Boley received a list of items to consider for new LC Initiatives/Expectations. They should get back to Kerm on this.

VIII. Around the Table

- A. Jeff Barnes reported back on the water leak situation. The Borough of Carlisle responded to his request for a credit from overage water charges as a result of the leak. They will give us 100% credit on our sewage bill (or \$1,100). Thanks to Rich Charette for his work on this.
- B. Jeff Barnes noted the architects are requesting a budget for building the new church. Frank Williams had mentioned that we might set a budget for Campaign 2 based on more than the recommended 80% of the amount received in Campaign 1. The Leadership Council will discuss this at our next meeting.
- C. Jeff Boley appreciated the great sermons the last two Sundays and the comedy show on Saturday night.
- D. Chris stated that the LIFT Group has been fabulous.

- E. Steph praised the Sunbeams on Mother's Day.
- F. Bill Yufer reported five people went to Philadelphia as part of the VIM Team. They painted and tiled a whole bathroom for a 79-year-old lady. Pleased to Serve will be working next week on a project. Twelve people are going to South Carolina in June as part of the VIM Team.
- G. Pastor Jim appreciated this nice spring day. He is pleased to be a part of the CUMC team; and as pastor of this church, he is experiencing a whole bunch of things he never experienced before—merging three churches, experiencing the success of the Capital Campaign 1, the new building, and great opportunities within the church. He feels so blessed to be a part of this journey with CUMC.
- H. Tracy reported the Stewardship Team budget has been prepared and is available online. Online offerings have dropped since the Capital Campaign, but envelope offerings have risen. In June the McCarty family will speak to the congregation on tithing.
- I. Pastor Mira reminded everyone that Chip and Jan have a new grandson and will be taking care of two grandchildren on a regular basis.

IX. Open session was adjourned at 7:00pm with prayer by Pastor Jim.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 19, 2017 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at approximately 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Gibble
Recording Secretary