

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
July 17, 2017
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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

Present: Jeff Barnes, Christina Benson, Mira Hewitt, Kerm Leitner, Jack Maddox, Stephanie Peffer, Tracy Sands and Bill Yufer. Absent: Jeff Boley, Ron Chipriano and Jim VanZandt. Guests: Marian Gible (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 Jeff Barnes.
- III. Moments with the Pastors
 - A. Kerm noted that Pastor Jim is not at today’s meeting because he and Amy finished their move today from 112 Mooreland Avenue, Carlisle. Kerm received an article from Pastor Jim called “Lead Like the Master” which was distributed to those present.
 - B. Pastor Mira:
 1. Pastor Mira noted a statistic that our church consists of 59% women and 41% men.
 2. Carlisle for Kids donations are going well, with Lisa Myers leading this program. However, we still need more pens and mechanical pens.
 3. Pastor Mira will be out of the office for one week beginning this Saturday working at the Spina Bifida Camp.
 4. Pastor Jim will be on vacation from August 1-3.
 5. Little Lights Learning Center was named “Best Daycare Center in Cumberland County” by the Sentinel.
- IV. Announcements
 - A. Leadership Council has decided to maintain its meeting schedule on a monthly basis – the third Monday of the month – except for the September meeting, which will be conducted on September 11. The meetings will continue to start in Executive Session starting at 5pm. The Open Session will start at approximately 5:45pm.
 - B. Next year the update for the directories will include a place for birthdays and a place to check if one wants that information to be shared with the congregation. Kerm thanked Johanna Kapura for coordinating the update of this year’s directory.
- V. Old Business
 - A. The 4th Annual Anniversary celebrated on July 9 was very successful.
 1. 66 attended the first breakfast.
 2. 91 attended the second breakfast.

3. 282 attended the combined worship service.
 4. Attendance was not taken at the SGC event. However, we had lots of kids and a great mix of activities, snacks and great weather.
 5. On August 10, Chip will have a meeting to look at this event for other types of celebration activities that could be utilized.
 6. Kerm wondered how we could get youth involved at this celebration.
- B. Stephanie reported on the subcommittee voting procedures at the church design vote on September 24, 2017.
1. The subcommittee will work with a membership list on September 24 to ensure only members vote.
 2. Reminders about this day should be included in bulletins in the weeks leading up to the voting and in The Bridge newsletter.
 3. 7:30-8:30am Members may pick up their ballot in the Gathering and drop completed ballot in boxes after worship service. Volunteers passing out ballots for all three worship services would be from one of the Men's or Women's life groups.
 4. 9:30-10:00am Members may pick up their ballot outside or inside the MPR and drop completed ballot in boxes after worship service.
 5. 10:30-11:15am Members may pick up their ballot in the Gathering and drop completed ballot in boxes after worship service.
 6. New ballot boxes which were made by Gary Shook will be available for this vote.
 7. Stephanie questioned whether retired clergy are required to count this vote, and it was decided that the Leadership Council will count the votes.

VI. Finance Report for June 2017, Jack Maddox reporting

A. Tithes and Offerings in envelopes:	\$68,561.30
B. Total Budget for Tithes and Offerings:	<u>\$71,454.00</u>
C. Budget Deficit:	(\$ 2,893.00)
D. Total Operating Income:	\$97,563.00
E. Total Operating Expenses:	<u>\$99,756.00</u>
Gain or (Loss):	(\$ 2,193.00)
F. General Fund Available:	\$235,948.00
G. Budget of General Fund Available:	<u>\$218,667.00</u>
H. General Funds Available Over Budget:	\$ 17,281.00

VII. New Business

- A. SGC outreach: Kerm canvassed the neighborhood of SGC to invite them to our Anniversary celebration. He suggested we keep this neighborhood in the loop about upcoming events at SGC and asked for names of people who might be willing to pass out fliers in the SGC neighborhood for upcoming events.
- B. Kerm gave new council members survey to evaluate the Orientation Program which was provided for this year's class. Tracy Sands and Bill Yufer will not be running for re-election; Kerm Leitner plans to run for re-election.

VIII. Around the Table

- A. Chris reminded everyone we are closing in on the fall Adult GROW season.
- B. Tracy apologized for being late today.
- C. Pastor Mira thanked the Leadership Council for her Pastor Appreciation gift of the Segway Tour around Washington, D.C. monuments and stated it was a lot of fun with her friend, Anna Layman Knox. Both returned unscathed.

IX. Open session was adjourned at 6:42pm with prayer by Pastor Mira.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 21, 2017 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at approximately 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Gible
Recording Secretary