

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
September 11, 2017
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, Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner, Stephanie Pepper, Tracy Sands, and Bill Yufer. Absent: Jack Maddox and Jim VanZandt. Guests: Marian Gibble (Recording Secretary) and John Seaton.

I. The meeting was called to order at 6:19pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.

II. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Mira Hewlett.

III. Moments with the Pastor

A. Pastor Mira:

1. Pastor Jim is on vacation.
2. The Capital Campaign now includes an additional \$8,000.
3. Pastor Jim had mentioned at the last Leadership Council meeting how many funerals we had over a one-month period. After a run of funerals recently, Pastor Mira looked at the membership of our congregation. 33 people (3% of CUMC members) are over 90 years old and 130 people (12% of CUMC members) are between 80-89 years old. Some are LAMs; however, many are in good health and active at CUMC. We need to think about these figures knowing what this means in the next 10 years—we may lose 136 people. Kerm asked if the pastors have been impacted by the many deaths and if the Leadership Council could ease their burden in any way. Pastor Mira will think about that and get back to Kerm on this.
4. The Explore Class completed three weeks of class with 12-14 participants. They will join the church on September 17.
5. The church struggles to make the budget each month; however, our congregation generously gave \$10,225 for Hurricane Harvey relief—a joy!

IV. Announcements

- A. The choirs started again after having the summer off. Sunbeams choir now has 19 attending, including Owen Bonn. Sparks has 11 attending rehearsals.
- B. Day of Caring is scheduled for Friday, October 6, 6:30pm.
- C. Charge Conference is scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, 6:30pm at CUMC.
- D. The Leadership Council dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 17 at 6pm. Spouses are welcome.
- E. Leadership Council/Staff Christmas Party is scheduled on December 2 at 6pm at Mt. Asbury.
- F. A Leadership Conference will be held on November 4 at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. Pastor Mira and Kerm will attend, plus 1 or 2 others from Leadership Council, depending on Pastor Jim’s participation. Leadership Council members are to advise Kerm if interested.

V. Financial Review, Tracy Sands reporting

- A. Tracy gave an update on Kathy Charette's Report regarding online giving, which was down in 2016. Kathy also reviewed Site Organic fees. We had a \$60/mo. cost savings, but we are still spending more. However, we have more credit card transactions. Tracy suggested we encourage more ACH giving online.
- B. Tracy noted Site Organic did not give us the discount they had promised. This was taken care of recently.
- C. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Tracy Sands, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the following 2nd Quarter Budget Review changes:
 1. Increasing the emergency assistance by \$2,000 using the Olmstead Fund.
 2. Increasing revenue and crediting the Office Department for the LLC Computer Services. This change required decreasing the Facilities Department reimbursements by \$1,080 and increasing and crediting \$1,080 to the Office Department. The increase to the Office Department was included in the 2nd Quarter Budget Review changes approved by the LC; the decrease to the Facilities Department was not.
 3. These changes were incorporated into the 2nd Quarter Budget Review updates dated September 1, 2017: The 2nd Quarter Budget Review changes will increase total revenue by \$700, instead of \$1,780, increase total expenses by \$9,950, and the net cost to the church is an increase of \$9,250 instead of \$6,170.

VI. Old Business

- A. Kerm will contact those Leadership Council members whose term is up at the end of the year with a schedule of leading devotions at the Leadership Council meetings for the remainder of 2017.
- B. Orientation for new Leadership Council members was discussed. Christina, Chip and Kerm will head a subcommittee to lead this process. Pastor Mira will handle the technological aspects assembling the materials for the new members.
- C. September 24 Vote:
 1. Stephanie Peffer is in charge of the September 24 balloting process.
 2. 4 tables and 8 volunteers will be available for balloting; each volunteer will have an alphabetical listing of CUMC members; Rhonda will make signs.
 3. Ballots will be distributed as follows:

For 8:15am worship service	7:30am- 8:30am ballot distribution in the Gathering
For 9:45am worship service	9:15am-10:15am ballot distribution in the MPR
For 11:00am worship service	10:30am-11:30am ballot distribution in the Gathering
 4. Ballots will be collected after the services by Leadership Council members and will be responsible for the ballot boxes. After all ballots are received, they will hand over the ballot boxes to Stephanie, who will lock the ballots in a designated area.
 5. The ballots will be counted by 4 Counters under supervision of Stephanie in Room 3 from 12:15pm-1:15pm. Stephanie will text Pastor Mira with the balloting results. Results will be included on-line, in a Midweek News blast and in the Sunday Worship Folders.

VII. New Business

- A. 2018 Budget process: Following a motion by Ron Chipriano and a second by Stephanie Peffer, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the 2018 Budget Timeline proposed by Kevin Stafford.

- B. The next Church Hall Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 15 at 2pm.
 - 1. The Leadership Council will meet on October 14 at 9pm for a pre-Church Hall review at Panera Bread.
 - 2. Those who want to visit Leg Up will travel there after Saturday's meeting.
 - 3. At the Church Hall Meeting on Sunday, Kerm and Jeff Barnes will discuss what will be happening between now and the March 2018 meeting.
 - 4. Introduction of Leadership Council candidates and interview questions will be conducted.
 - 5. Each Leadership Council member will give a 3-minute overview of his/her Pillar, focusing on the church for the next church year. Handouts should be limited to one page and should be given to Johanna and Kerm by Wednesday, October 4.
 - 6. Questions from the floor and questions submitted in advance will be answered.
- C. Current plans for Little Lights' contribution to SGC.
 - 1. LLLC has a Thelma McCullough Fund, with \$172,000. The LLLC Board will be voting to release \$72,000 to SGC at its meeting on 9/12/17. The LLLC Board will also be asked to withdraw its \$30,000 from the Conference Loan Fund and provide it to SGC for constriction.

VIII. Around the Table

- A. Tracy Sands thanked Leadership Council for their gift. She also expressed thanks that her building passed final inspection and testified to God's goodness in her life.
- B. Pastor Mira will be at a Princeton University course from September 24 through September 29. She noted that the Safe Harbor tutoring program has started up again, with 13 families at Safe Harbor.
- C. Jeff Boley apologized for not making the last two Leadership Council meetings. He's had a rough several weeks following a fire at his job.
- D. Chris announced there are 7 adult Sunday school classes. Plans are being made to have a class for adults while Sunbeams practices on Thursday evenings. Apple dumplings are being sold again this year.
- E. Bill Yufer noted VIM is planning a trip to South Carolina in January.
- F. Chip is working on an online Member-to-Member business directory listing businesses of CUMC members. So far only a few people responded, but he's hopeful more will become interested.

IX. Open session adjourned at 7:16pm and went into Executive Session.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 16, 2017 – Executive Session, 5:00pm and Open Session at approximately 5:45pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gibble
Recording Secretary