

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
January 21, 2019
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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

Present: Christina Benson, Jeff Boley, Bill Bunt, Debbi Goeltsch, Wayne Henderson, Mira Hewitt, Kerm Leitner, John Seaton, Jim VanZandt and Roger Woods. Absent: Darlene Sheaffer.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:36pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Kerm Leitner during Executive Session.
- III. Election of 2019 Vice-Chair and Appointments
 - A. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Roger Woods, the Leadership Council unanimously elected Bill Bunt to serve a two-year term as vice-chair. Kerm Leitner, chair, and Wayne Henderson, secretary, will serve the second year of their two-year terms as they were previously elected on January 15, 2018.
 - B. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the appointment of Marian Gible to serve as the Council’s recording secretary for 2019. This will be Marian’s fourth year as recording secretary.
 - C. Following a motion by Bill Bunt and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the appointment of Kathy Charette to serve as the Council’s budget overseer for 2019. In this capacity, Kathy will continue to conduct Quarterly Budget Reviews, work closely with the Finance team, and share reports with the Leadership Council.
 - D. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Christina Benson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the revision to its emergency executive team which will now be comprised of the chair, vice-chair, secretary and one of the pastors. The executive team is empowered to make decisions—which will generally be requested by the Building Committee Chair, Jeff Barnes—when time does not permit for the calling of an emergency meeting of the entire Leadership Council. So far, this has only occurred one time.
- IV. Moments with the Pastors
 - A. Pastor Mira:
 1. Reported on meeting one of the Give Teams. A second letter will be going out to contributors. 97% of contributors in 2017-2018 fulfilled their pledges while 70 families have pledged a Step-Up.
 - B. Pastor Jim:
 1. Reminded Leadership Council members to sign the Covenant letter in the next couple of days, if they haven’t done so.
 2. Reminded everyone that (a) It is important for all to work together as a team and (b) We are an example to the congregation. He hopes that we are able to be an example of “people of hope.”
- V. Announcements:

- A. Kerm Leitner welcomed Bill Bunt and John Seaton to Leadership Council. Darlene Sheaffer was absent. He said that he hoped that their terms would be as fulfilling and satisfying as his two terms have been.
- B. Kerm thanked Pastor Jim and Pastor Mira for commemorating Martin Luther King, Jr. Day this year and in future years. Several complimented Pastor Mira on her portrayal of Mary Poppins and her incorporating King and the LGBTQ questions facing United Methodism into the Mary Poppins theme of reconciliation.

VI. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:

- A. Wayne expressed appreciation to all for stepping up at the end of December to allow the church to meet our budget and allowing us to pay 100% of Shares of Ministry in 2018.
- B. Wayne reviewed the Executive Summary submitted by Kathy Charette showing budget increases and decreases in all areas of operation at CUMC.
- C. Following a motion by Wayne Henderson and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved a revised 2019 budget with projected revenues of \$1,262,787 and expenses of \$1,359,634 providing a built-in deficit of \$96,847.

VII. Old Business

- A. Kerm thanked everyone who could attend the special Leadership Council meeting to approve payment of 100% Shares of Ministry.
- B. Kerm asked all members to update their teams for the Church Hall Meeting to be held on February 10, 2019.
- C. Kerm emphasized the procedures for approving Minutes of the Leadership Council more expeditiously.
- D. Pastor Mira reported on the Pop-Up Church held on December 23, 2018 at Project Share Farmstand where 46 people attended (10 from CUMC). The majority attending were from the immediate community of the Farmstand—most were “church people.” The Pop-Up Church went over very well, and Project Share’s support was great. Pastor Mira reported the idea of a Pop-Up Church is not to get people to come to CUMC but to get the gospel out to the community.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Kerm reviewed plans for the Church Hall Meeting scheduled for February 10 at 2:00pm.
 - 1. Each Leadership Council member will give a 5-minute presentation on his/her area of responsibility.
 - 2. The Visioning Steering Committee will be making a presentation.
 - 3. The Leadership Council will be meeting on Saturday, February 9 at 8:30am to finalize plans for the Church Hall Meeting.
- B. The Steering Committee for “Visioning the New Church” met and prepared a document, “Visioning Goals.” The Steering Committee will start by examining the present mission and vision statements. Kerm asked if anyone on Leadership Council has a passion for such work to contact him after the meeting. Once the mission and vision statements have been finalized, the Steering Committee will be forming teams to examine all areas of CUMC with a goal of keeping what is working, changing what needs to be changed and dreaming what is best for our new church.
- C. The Leadership Council discussed two Way Forward letters all UMC churches have received and discussed ways of communicating these to the congregation.

- D. An SCTF Congregation Security Conference will be held on April 6, 2019 from 8:30am to 4:00pm in Hershey. Free tickets are available, and Kerm will be going and asking two or three others to go with him.
 - E. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the appointment of Stephanie Peffer to the Little Lights Learning Center Board.
- IX. Around the Table
- A. Roger reported meeting with Kerm earlier this month. Acolytes and 8:15 scripture readers are scheduled for this quarter. Roger would appreciate help and advice from the pastors in this area.
 - B. John Seaton gave a report on work the Give Team has been doing, including sending out donor appreciation letters, giving presentations during worship service and adding members to the Lifetime Group.
 - C. Pastor Jim was impressed with the way the Leadership Council handled a sensitive discussion during the meeting where differing opinions were presented with civility and respect and consensus was reached.
 - D. Jeff Boley noted we will have expenses regarding the HVAC replacement in the MPR and sidewalk repairs in the spring.
 - E. Christina reported 90 people (7 groups) are involved in discussions in A Way Forward, including cross-generations. Lent studies will begin around March 3.
 - F. Bill Bunt noted that he has been enjoying the sermon series in January.
 - G. Kerm noted that the LLLC director, Natasha Yearsley, has been wonderful and doing a great job.
- X. Open Session was closed with prayer by Pastor Mira at 7:15pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, February 18, 2019 – Open Session at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary