

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
March 18, 2019
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

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

Our Vision: Living like Jesus improves our lives, our families, the Carlisle community and beyond. At Carlisle United Methodist Church, we strive to LIVE LIKE JESUS.

Present: Christina Benson, Jeff Boley, Bill Bunt, Debbi Goeltsch, Wayne Henderson, Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner, John Seaton, Darlene Sheaffer, Jim VanZandt, Roger Woods and Marian Gibble, Recording Secretary. Absent: None.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:29pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Minutes of the February 18, 2019 Open Session and Executive Session were approved online by the Leadership Council.
- III. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Darlene Sheaffer.
- IV. Moments with the Pastors:
 - A. Pastor Mira:
 1. CUMC staff will lead Holy Week services this year.
 2. CUMC is invited for a free dinner and leading worship on April 10, 6-7:30pm at Second Presbyterian Church, Carlisle. Dinner and kids activities will be held from 6-7pm.
 3. Pastor Mira met with the Scholarship Team. Applications for scholarships will be due from April 1 through May 1.
 4. Child care interviews are being held by Jessica Walton. Four Dickenson College students are graduating and need to be replaced. We need at least 2-3 child care workers in the fall but would like 4-5.
 5. During the first week of April, we will be sending 130 letters out to anyone who has not attended CUMC for two years. At the same time 40 letters will be mailed to those who have not been seen in the last six months.
 - B. Pastor Jim:
 1. Most people have remained in the congregation following the letter to the congregation regarding the decision of the United Methodist Church.
 2. The pastors are happy that we are supporting them as they hold a special session on Sunday afternoon, March 24, 2-3:30pm, regarding their views on the issues at the recent Special General Conference Session of the UMC held at the end of February.
 3. There are gatherings of UMC pastors in the Carlisle area called the Carlisle Cluster. There is also a local ministerium of several denominations. The Ministerium met this week with local black pastors and hopes to continue meeting 2-3 times a year. We are active in the community and with churches in the area.

V. Announcements:

- A. On February 25-26 we approved Kevin McCarthy and Stacey Harms as van drivers.
- B. We are planning our annual festivities for CUMC's anniversary on Sunday, July 14, 2019. Jody Monoski will have special goodies after each service and activities will be planned at SGC.
- C. Follow-up for the Stepping Up Program: Small groups are being visited as a reminder of the Stepping Up Program.
- D. Activities are being planned to support the Youth Ministry. Kerm encouraged our support.
 - 1. Sunday, March 24, is the Youth's Fundraiser at Hoss's for their summer mission trips. Despite the restaurant's missing signage in preparation for their move to their new location on Walnut Bottom Road, Carlisle, the restaurant remains open for business.
 - 2. Rent-A-Kid is scheduled for April and into May.
- E. Constance Leitner will be presenting a thirty-minute recital on March 27 starting at noon as part of First Presbyterian's Church Lenten Series. Lunch follows the recital.
- F. Barry Robison, our District Superintendent, will be preaching on Leadership Council Sunday, which will be on June 16. Typically, the pastors are excused from worship services on the Sunday following Annual Conference, but this year that falls on Graduation Sunday, and Pentecost is the following Sunday.
- G. Bill Bunt, Pastor Jim, Pastor Mira and Kerm Leitner will be attending a Conference presentation on Sunday, May 5, regarding A Way Forward. This event was originally scheduled for early April but was changed so that it would follow the completion of the Judicial Council's work on various amendments from the Special General Conference.
- H. On the church's website (www.carlislepaumc.org) is a link under *About Us*—named "A Way Forward." It contains the text of the pastors' combined sermon on March 3, the congregational letter from the pastors and Leadership Council, two letters from Bishop Jeremiah Park and a future link to the video of Pastor Jim's and Pastor Mira's "Where We Stand" presentation this coming Sunday.
- I. Thirty copies of *Torn by Jamie Lee* will be available for purchase at a cost of \$10 at the conclusion of the pastors' "Where We Stand" presentation. This is one of the upcoming GROW class offerings.
- J. Kerm awarded Pastors Jim and Mira the traveling STAR tray for all of their extra work since the Special General Conference. This has included their combined sermon on March 3, meetings with individuals, special Leadership Council meeting, interactions with their colleagues and preparations for their "Where We Stand" program.

VI. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:

- A. Following a motion by Bill Bunt and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved engaging the law firm of Halbruner, Hatch & Guise, LLP to pursue negotiations through Stevens and Lee regarding the investment and advisory fees for the Watson Trust with BNY Mellon.
- B. Kathy Charette and Pastor Mira continue to monitor the financial statements of the church.
- C. John Seaton asked if there was anything in the Financial Papers that Leadership Council members should review. Pastor Mira commented that the reports that Wayne provides are probably the most helpful for Leadership Council members.

VII. Old Business:

- A. Pastor Mira and Pastor Jim reviewed upcoming actions of the UMC following the Special General Conference.
 1. At this time, Amendments are being reviewed by the Judicial Council.
 2. Pastor Mira had provided Pastor Jim and Kerm with copies of a 15-page document which addressed each amendment.
 3. Results of the Judicial Council will be made at the end of April. The Judicial Council is taking the long view and looking at the whole system.
 4. At the Special General Conference there were 80 bishops whose recommendation was outvoted by the delegates.
 5. Two congregations in Mississippi and several in California have decided to leave the UMC church.
 6. At a special meeting two weeks ago there was discussion about using our new Vision statement. Magnets and/or wristbands are being considered to promote this Vision statement. Pastors Mira and Jim will be discussing this along with a banner to promote the new Vision Statement.
 7. The Leadership Council will be reading *Torn*. Wayne Henderson and Roger Woods will be the discussion leaders at two or three sessions to be held at off-campus locations.
 8. Pastor Mira will make the Adam Hamilton video, "Church of Resurrection Family Meeting" available for each LC member.
 9. Planning for Sunday's "Where We Stand" program included:
 - (a) Kerm will introduce the program and moderate the Q & A portion.
 - (b) Wayne will handle the sound system from the booth.
 - (c) Chris Gregory will videotape the presentation.
 - (d) Questions will be limited to clarifying types of questions.
 - (e) Chris and Debbi will handle the two hand-held mics during the Q & A.
 - (f) Wayne will help Kerm with the sale of books in the Gathering after the program.
 - (g) Jody Monoski has been contacted to provide refreshments at the conclusion of the program.
- B. Visioning Task Force
 1. A handout was distributed listing the Leaders of the 19 Visioning Teams created by the Visioning Steering Committee. Each Team will have 3-5 people. The goal is to include diversity within each Team with people from each of the three worship services and by age diversity. Leadership Council needs to approve any changes made by the Teams, and Leadership Council will act on those changes. A two-three page report will be created by each of the 19 Teams.
 2. There are three Tiers of reporting:
 - (a) Tier 1 is working in February and March 2019, reporting to the Steering Committee in May and reporting to the Leadership Council in June. Work has already begun. A meeting was held last week of leaders of the various committees.
 - (b) Tier 2 works in summer, reports to Steering Committee in September and reports to Leadership Council in October.
 - (c) Tier 3 works in fall, reports to Steering Committee in December and reports to Leadership Council in January.

- C. Shares of Ministry: A letter will be sent to Barry Robison that we want special consideration for our Shares of Ministry assessment in 2020 as we will be taking on debt to finance our new construction.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Plans for A Day Away are being made, where the Leadership Council schedules half a day on a work project and the other half of the day reflecting on a book, visioning or some other activity.

IX. Around the Table:

- A. John Seaton reported on G.I.V.E. Team's continuing work through the Step-Up drive and reported on continuing work with the Legacy Team.
- B. Pastor Jim finished his basketball brackets in 4 minutes.
- C. Roger Woods noted that Sign Up Genius is now being used to schedule acolytes.
- D. Chris Benson noted summer classes are being planned.
- E. Wayne Henderson noted the Maranatha organization is raising money through the Hamilton Grill. Ten percent of any purchase at the Hamilton Grill will be contributed to the Maranatha organization—a worthy cause.

- X. Open Session was closed at 6:47pm with prayer by Pastor Jim.

Next Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2019 – Open Session at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary