

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

OPEN SESSION

June 17, 2019

Our Mission: Inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving the greater Carlisle community 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, Roger Woods, and Jim VanZant. Absent: Darlene Sheaffer and Marian Gibble, Recording Secretary.

I. Kerm Leitner, chair, called the Open Session to order at 5:49pm.

II. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Christina Benson

III. Moments with the Pastors

A. Pastor Jim thanked the Council for the gift of a two day weekend.

B. Pastor Mira:

1. Enjoyed her time off as well.

2. Thanked Mike Landis for the suggestion to research the product “Elephant Snot” to use to clean the graffiti from the Spring Garden sidewalk.

3. Reported the 6th CUMC anniversary celebration will be held on 7/14. There will be an afternoon open house at the Spring Garden campus.

4. There will be a “get involved” invitation placed in gathering mailboxes on 7/14 to highlight areas where members are encouraged to help with various ministries of CUMC

5. Updated membership directories will be distributed in mailboxes on 7/21.

6. Will be on vacation the last week of July to participate in a camp for special needs children. This will be her 20th year to do so.

IV. Announcements, Kerm Leitner reporting

A. Debbi Goeltsch was thanked for volunteering to take minutes.

B. The Leadership Council led services on 7/16 went well. There were many positive comments about Barry's message. Seven LC members participated.

C. At our 7/15 Leadership Council meeting we will receive reports from our representatives to annual conference.

D. Friday, 10/11/19, will be the Carlisle Day of Caring this year.

E. Friday, 11/15/19, will be the Leadership Council annual dinner at the Leitners' to honor retiring L.C. members.

V. Finance Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:

A. Tithes and offerings were down in May. Year to date income still looks good.

B. We lost 9 giving units (equates to 9 families) and gained 10 new.

C. We will soon begin the budgeting process for 2020. Wayne recommends we begin to plan for \$10,000-15,000/month as a mortgage payment.

D. The Legacy committee is working on a way to reach out to those members who are age 80 and older and who would like to participate in the building of the new church via planned giving in wills.

E. The Legacy committee is working on a Financial Policy Statement Manual to better able orient future members to the committee. It will be presented to Leadership Council for review when ready.

F. The court did not approve our request for postponement on the Albert Watson Trust. The account audit will proceed on 6/18.

VI. Old Business

A. A Way Forward – We will not proceed with any round table discussions at this time.

B. Visioning Updates – There are no new updates at this time.

C. LC Sunday – will be held on 6/14/2020

D. Homeless Campers at Spring Garden site

1. We have campers once again

2. There was conversation as to whether these individuals should be evicted or if there was a way to provide a place for them to camp. Leadership Council will seek advice from attorneys and our insurance company in order to decide.

E. Immunization Task Force, Debbi Goeltsch reporting:

1. The committee met on 6/5 and decided to recommend that we only permit exemption for medical deferment and religious preference.
2. Since that meeting the CDC has reported 1022 cases of measles nationally this year. New York State has passed law to permit only medical deferment. This is an ongoing and changing situation at present.
3. Leadership Council decided to wait until next month to make any decision and to see if legislation changes in Pennsylvania.

VII. New Business

A. Second Capital Campaign, Pastor Mira reporting:

1. A goal of \$2.8 million was set originally. An additional goal of 375 participants has been set.
2. The theme "A Move of Faith" was presented. Kerm Leitner moved and Debbi Goeltsch seconded a motion to approve the theme which passed unanimously.
3. Pastor Mira presented a timeline for the second campaign. Palms Sunday, 4/2/2020, will be commitment Sunday. Bill Bunt complimented Mira on the amount of ground work which she has already done.
4. There was discussion as to whether to employ a consultant for the second campaign. Kerm Leitner moved and John Seaton seconded a motion to explore the possibility of a part time consultant. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Refurbishing Hand bells, Kerm Leitner reporting:

1. Jane Boley would like to proceed to raise funds to refurbish the bells. She currently has pledges for \$2900.
2. Anticipated cost is \$7900. There is a savings to us if we transport the bells ourselves.
3. Kerm Leitner moved and Christina Benson seconded a motion to increase the Hand bell Choir's budget by \$7900 to refurbish the five octaves of bells with the understanding that the Hand bell Choir will be raising the funds to cover the increased expense. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Following a motion by Wayne Henderson and seconded Bill Bunt the Leadership Council unanimously approved the depletion of the Messiah account (\$819.00) for the refurbishing of the hand bells.

C. New Policies for Spring Garden Campus

1. Kerm Leitner suggested that we begin to think about policies regard such items as: campus hours, ATVs, skate boarding, drones and more.

VIII. Around the Table

A. Pastor Jim asked that we think about the best method to gather our lead gifts for Capital Campaign 2. Does that mean we should hire a consultant? He reminded us we are a people of Hope.

B. Bill Bunt thanked the council for their support of personnel issues.

C. Christina Benson reminded council members to fill out the Adult Grow survey and asked them to share it with others.

D. Pastor Mira asked for prayer for the Little Lights Pre K class. They are struggling to care for children with some behavioral issues.

E. Wayne Henderson presented both pastors with wooden bowls he had made from wood cut down at the Spring Garden site.

F. Jeff Boley questioned if we should gather bids for repairs to 60 feet of sidewalk on the Pomfret Street side of the building. Leadership Council decided to hold off at this point.

IX. The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Pastor Jim at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, July15, 2019 – Open Session at 5:00pm

Respectfully submitted,

Debbi Goeltsch, L.C. Member