

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**July 15, 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. Guest: Sue Baxter.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:40pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Minutes of the June 17, 2019 Executive Session and Open Session were approved online by the Leadership Council.
- III. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Jeff Boley.
- IV. Annual Conference Report, delegates Sue Baxter, Christina Benson and Roger Woods reporting:
  - A. The Leadership Council heard a report from this year’s lay delegates who attended the Susquehanna Annual Conference from May 29-31 at Hershey, PA.
  - B. The delegates reported on the voting issues and distributed a newsletter from Conference.
  - C. 25 ministers retired from the Conference during the last year, and 17 new ministers were ordained.
  - D. The delegates were thanked for their report and for representing CUMC at this event.
- V. Moments with the Pastors:
  - A. Pastor Jim felt it was great to be at the SGC site yesterday and to sense the good energy.
  - B. Pastor Mira reported that a VIM project will be held at SGC from November 18-23. Everyone is welcome to participate. Lunch will be served each day.
  - C. The Leadership Council is responsible for distributing snacks to the construction workers at SGC worksite over the next two weeks. Darlene and Jackie Bunt are in charge of distributing the snacks.
  - D. Pastor Mira will be attending camp starting on Saturday.
- VI. Announcements, Kerm Leitner reporting:
  - A. Kerm thanked everyone for making the 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration successful yesterday and for snacks after worship services and open house at SGC.
  - B. Both pastors had asked if they could tap into Susquehanna Conference grants for continuing education. As a result, Pastor Jim will be attending the Clergy Academy in Myrtle Beach, SC November 11-13. Pastor Mira will be attending the Church of the Resurrection’s Leadership Institute in Kansas City, September 25-27.

- C. At LLLC's last board meeting, the board had to suspend one student until he receives evaluation by E.C.M.H. He may be suspended permanently if the recommendations rendered are not reasonable and effective.
- D. The Leadership Council's next Church Hall Meeting will be conducted on October 13 starting at 2pm.

VII. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:

- A. Wayne noted we have had 23 new giving units.
- B. A draft of CUMC Finance Policy Manual was presented to the Leadership Council. The pastors will be reviewing the manual and will make changes where necessary before a final vote of approval is made.

VIII. Old Business

A. Visioning Updates:

- 1. Worship Service Times: Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the following worship service times at the Spring Garden Campus following our move to the new facility: Traditional Worship (8:00-9:00); Contemporary Worship (9:30-10:30); and Celebrations Worship (11:00-12:00). Details on Sunday School Classes and Gathering times will be forthcoming.
- 2. Lay Leader: Following a motion by Bill Bunt and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved nominating yearly one of the outgoing Leadership Council members for the position of lay leader. This position is one of two church positions voted upon at the annual church conference.
- B. Homeless Camps Task Force: The camp has been evacuated but they left a mess – but not nearly as bad as two winters ago. Kerm will look at forming a task force to make recommendations regarding homeless camps.
- C. Immunization Update: LLLC has changed its policy and will no longer be admitting unimmunized children based upon philosophical reasons. Kerm thanked Debbi Goeltsch for bringing this issue to Leadership Council. Debbi expressed her objection that the Little Lights Board made its decision prior to the Leadership Council's meeting.
- D. New SGC Policies: Kerm reminded members to think about new policies which should be explored at the new facility.
- E. Capital Campaign II: The pastors and Kerm are in the process of hiring a part-time consultant for Capital Campaign II. They developed a proposal which has been sent out to several prospective consultants. The first campaign's consultant, Scott McKenzie, received a proposal. More information on this in the future.

IX. New Business

- A. Bricks and Pavers Initiative: As a way to help defray ongoing and future expenses, a Memorial Walk was proposed that would be approximately 160 ft. long and 4.5 ft. wide. This area is where people could memorialize or honor family members or friends by donating a brick or paver. This was tabled until the August 12 meeting when more information will be available.
- B. To allow for a "soft" opening from our present building to SGC next year, it was felt that having two weeks to complete the move would be advantageous. Following a motion by Debbi Goeltsch and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved having worship away from CUMC as we move between buildings. Worship

services will be conducted indoors at a facility in Carlisle to be determined for one Sunday before worshipping together at our new church.

- C. A new CONNECT program is being considered in the form of Dinner Groups to create small groups within the church. More information will be coming on this in the future.
  - D. An election timetable was developed for the Leadership Council's 2019 election. Nominations for election will begin in August and election will be held October 27 at all three services. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the Leadership Council's 2019 Election Timetable.
  - E. Pastor Jim reported on the status of Boy Scout Troop 5. Because they have been nonexistent for several years, he plans to close a bank account that was opened but is now dormant. CUMC had bought the trailer and will remain in our possession. Presently, we have a Cub Scout Club, which is going well.
- X. Around the Table:
- A. Debbi Goeltsch reported on a SERVE date in August. On another item, her family has a buyer for their farm and asked for prayers on her family's behalf.
  - B. Pastor Mira asked for prayers while she is at camp.
- XI. The meeting was adjourned following closing prayer by Pastor Mira at 7:37pm.

**Next Meeting: Monday, August 12, 2019 – Open Session at 5:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary