

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
August 12, 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 5:42pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Minutes of the July 15, 2019 Executive Session and Open Sessions were approved online by the Leadership Council.
- III. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Bill Bunt.
- IV. Moments with the Pastors:
 - A. Pastor Jim:
 1. Thanked Roger and Bill for their responses to opening devotions today.
 2. Thanked Roger and Christina for their GROW work.
 3. We have had a busy summer with a lot of personnel issues and other issues—Not enough time to do the work of Jesus.
 4. Grateful for the leadership of our church in Leadership Council.
 - B. Pastor Mira:
 1. Expressed joys and stress of the summer.
 2. Carlisle 4 Kids has been very successful and rewarding, with 846 kids registering.
 3. Attended a UMC event on Sunday with ongoing conversations about the future of the church. She may have more to report after the Leadership Institute in Kansas City next month.
 4. Jane Boley reported on receiving a call from the Carlisle LeTort School principal, Aaron Carmichael. He reported the 4th graders in their school had achieved 82% achievement success following testing. The school gave credit to this success to the CUMC after-school homework assistance program.
 5. Some of us will be asked to review Pastor Mira as part of a pilot program conducted by the Susquehanna Conference.
- V. Announcements, Kerm Leitner reporting:
 - A. Kerm thanked Bill Bunt for his assistance on July 23 following a fire at CUMC.
 - B. No Trespassing signs were posted at SGC’s former homeless camp. A snake was observed in the high grass nearby.
 - C. The Finance Team’s Policy Manual will be reviewed and corrected with a final approval anticipated by the September Leadership Council meeting.

- D. We are exploring going to the 1st UMC in Mechanicsburg Third Friday Food Trucks Fest. Kerm will be checking the interest and availability in attending either the September 20 or October 18 events.
 - E. Full funding for repair of the hand bells has been received.
 - F. The Leadership Council's next meeting will return to the third Monday of the month—September 16.
 - G. The youth will lead all three worship services on August 25.
 - H. Mary McDonald, one of our country's leading choral anthem composers and arrangers, has been commissioned to compose a choral anthem to be sung for the first time at the Grand Opening services. Her fee will be paid from designated choir funds already available for such use.
- VI. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:
- A. To date we have received 55% of contributions in 2018, which is on target.
 - B. The Watson Trust Fund is moving toward settlement.
 - C. The Finance Team has been working on the Policy Manual, and plans are to have it completed in September.
- VII. Old Business
- A. Visioning Updates:
 1. The completed Visioning Team Reports have been distributed to the Leadership Council.
 2. The Visioning Steering Committee will meet again in September.
 - B. Capital Campaign II: Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Christina Benson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the hiring of Paul Nixon, of Epicenter Stewardship, as the part-time consultant for the second capital campaign—A MOVE OF FAITH. He will be paid \$16,000 during the three-year contract overseeing the campaign from start to finish.
 - C. Following a motion by Wayne Henderson and a second by Roger Woods, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the “Walkway” proposal presented by Pastor Mira. This will provide an outdoor space to honor and memorialize loved ones at our new church while providing a useful pathway leading from the Amphitheater patio to the Amphitheater. Bricks will be sold for \$150 and concrete pavers will be sold for \$500. The Army Heritage Education Center has a memorial walk near its entrance if you would want to see the bricks and pavers. A brochure will be available this winter explaining all the details. Funds raised will go to offset the building expenses.
 - D. Following a motion by Bill Bunt and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously declined the offer of a piece of gym equipment from a member. Following some research, it was ascertained that other churches setting up exercise rooms experienced more negatives than positives housing such a room. The member offering the equipment was immediately notified of this decision.
 - E. Transitional Sunday Update: Last month the Leadership Council approved using another venue as a transitional facility moving from our present church to SGC. Kerm will meet in September with the Carlisle School District superintendent, Christina Spielbauer, regarding the possibility of using their high school auditorium rent-free. We may have to incur clean-up charges.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Leadership Council Election is scheduled for October 29 and Bill Bunt has agreed to organize and oversee the election. Christina Benson and Jeff Boley have elected to not run for re-election in October; Debbi Goeltsch will run for re-election. Nomination Sunday will occur on September 8. CUMC members will be given the opportunity to nominate members for election. Kerm asked all Council members to help contact the folks who have been nominated.

IX. Around the Table:

- A. Roger Woods inquired if altar flower stands will be available at SGC. Answer: Yes.
- B. Roger Woods noted he has not had volunteers sign up for openings for acolytes and ushers.
- C. Christina Benson reported the Adult Grow recognition breakfast is scheduled for August 24.
- D. Bill Bunt thanked everyone for their support in personnel issues.
- E. Jeff Boley stated he appreciates the sermon series on the Apostles Creed.
- F. John Seaton noted a G.I.V.E. planning meeting is being planned.
- G. Wayne Henderson reported the Samaritan Team discussed the need for security. Research found it would cost \$25/hr. for a security person. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming Dulcimer Workshop to be held on August 24 at his home.
- H. Debbi Goeltsch reported Serve had a work dinner on August 6 and noted it was nice to socialize with everyone. She also noted she and her husband had settlement on their house and asked for prayers as they move on August 24.
- I. Darlene Sheaffer stated she will be meeting with Cheryl Hale about the Connect Visioning initiative.
- J. Pastor Mira asked for prayers for Jan Chipriano.
- K. Kerm Leitner played a recording of "Never a Step Will You Walk Alone" by Pepper Choplin to end the meeting.

- X. The meeting was adjourned following closing prayer by Pastor Jim at 6:50pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary