

CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
September 16, 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, Jim VanZandt, Roger Woods and Marian Gible, Recording Secretary. Absent: Darlene Sheaffer.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:33pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Minutes of the August 12, 2019 Executive Session and Open Sessions were approved online by the Leadership Council.
- III. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Debbi Goeltsch.
- IV. Moments with the Pastors:
 - A. Pastor Mira:
 1. Work on the Safe Sanctuary updates for 2020 is continuing. 100 people need to be updated. Sam Butler will create a video to be reviewed by those who are involved in this update.
 2. Pastor Mira’s 8-year assessment is coming up soon. Several Leadership Council members have agreed to complete an evaluation of her. As part of the assessment procedure, she will be attending a day-long orientation session in October.
 3. Pastor Mira will be in Kansas to attend the Church of Resurrection’s Leadership Institute September 25 through 28.
 4. She will be taking Grace to the beach during the Columbus Day weekend.
 5. She is working with a media move consultant.
 - B. Pastor Jim has nothing to report at this time.
- V. Announcements, Kerm Leitner reporting:
 - A. Kerm asked if anyone was interested in a Third Friday Food Truck outing in Mechanicsburg on October 18. He will be sending something out on this. If interested, let Kerm know.
 - B. The Leadership Council dinner is scheduled for Friday, November 15 at Kerm’s home. We will be honoring Christina Benson and Jeff Boley whose terms are expiring
- VI. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:
 - A. Tithes and Offerings are below budget for the month of August; however, expenses are also below budget. The Finance Team is conducting its budget review process for the third quarter.

- B. The Leadership Council has had two opportunities to review the Finance Policy Manual. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the Finance Policy Manual subject to any necessary revisions identified as the final document is prepared.
- C. A meeting was planned to review the SGC expenses. Following a four-part motion by Wayne Henderson and a second by Christina Benson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the following Spring Garden Campus Protocol for Expenses:
 - All expenses associated with the new building, to include the Capital Campaign expenses in 2019 and 2020, will be tracked and expensed from the Spring Garden Campus Department as non-operating expenses.
 - Spring Garden Campus Funds will be used for payment of these expenses.
 - Spring Garden Campus expenses will be budgeted as part of the Spring Garden Campus non-operating budget until we are operational in the new building.
 - Spring Garden Campus expenses that are not construction costs will not be included in the construction budget or total expenses managed by Jeff Barnes.
- D. Following a motion by Wayne Henderson and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the establishment of one consolidated fund for Mission Trips 16, Alternative Gifts 1-12 and Music Anthems in the 2020 budget.

VII. Old Business

- A. Visioning Updates:
 1. The completed Visioning Team Reports have been distributed to the Leadership Council. The committee met to review the GROW Children Ministry Report and the Leadership Council Visioning Report. Pastor Jim added to the role of the Leadership Council the pastors' roles and their working relationship with Leadership Council. Additional Visioning Reports being reviewed by other teams: Safe Sanctuary Policy, Building Usage, and Moving.
 2. The Visioning Steering Committee will meet again on October 2.
 3. Kerm will be taking Connie Leitner to Floris UMC in Herndon, VA on Wednesday to check out their signage. Connie is leading the Visioning Signage Team.
- B. Capital Campaign II: Following a motion by Wayne Henderson and a second by Roger Woods, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the renaming of the Second Capital Campaign. It shall now be called "Moving in Faith."
- C. Results of "Nomination Sunday" were discussed. Kerm was pleased to announce that 51 people were nominated, with several days remaining for additional nominations. We now have three who have committed to place their names in nomination.
- D. The Leadership Council Covenant regarding attendance was revised to read, "Attend church unless out of town, ill, or other extenuating circumstances."
- E. Transitional Sunday Update: Kerm met with Christina Spielbauer of the Carlisle School District regarding the use of the high school auditorium on Transitional Sunday, May 2020, and received affirmation that we may use their auditorium. Following a motion by Bill Bunt and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the renting of the McGowan Auditorium of Carlisle High School at a cost of \$220 on the Transitional Sunday between closing the present facility and conducting the first services at the Spring Garden Campus. The rental fee includes the fees for custodial service, school police and technical support for one service. The time for the service and date will be announced later.

- F. Mike Landis reported seeing two homeless camps at SGC at the end of August. After Mike talked with them, they left the premises. A few days later, Wayne Henderson and Kerm Leitner went to the Carlisle Borough Council to attend a Council Hearing on Homelessness. Wayne reported that Samaritan Fellowship and other agencies in Carlisle are dealing with this issue. Kerm had been planning to name a CUMC Task Force on Homelessness but decided after the hearing that there are already a number of agencies involved and a new task force would be redundant.

VIII. New Business:

- A. Available Leadership Council members will join Pastor Jim and staff on Friday, October 11 for the annual Carlisle United Way's Day of Caring.
- B. The Leadership Council will be conducting its next Church Hall Meeting on Sunday, October 13 starting at 2pm in the Sanctuary. In addition to presenting reports from all Leadership Council administrative areas, the candidates for the three available seats will have an opportunity to introduce themselves and explain why they have decided to run for Leadership Council.
- C. The annual Charge Conference will be conducted on Monday, October 21, at 7pm in the Sanctuary. All are welcome to attend. This will follow the monthly Leadership Council meeting which starts at 5pm.
- D. Kerm Leitner shared his appreciation of the United Methodist Women delaying by one hour the start of its annual Indoor Yard Sale on October 11. It will now open at 9am, and this time will enable the parents and children of Little Lights Learning Center to park and enter the building much more easily.

IX. Around the Table:

- A. Roger Woods is still looking for acolytes.
- B. Several Leadership Council members offered words of appreciation for Pastor Jim's years of service and commitment to CUMC.
- C. Debbi Goeltsch noted the Serve report will soon be completed.
- D. Pastor Jim:
 - 1. The Charge Conference will be held October 21 starting at 7pm. We need a Lay Leader for one year. If anyone is interested, speak with him.
 - 2. 14 people attended "Meet the Pastor" this Sunday.
 - 3. Thanked everyone for their comments.
- E. Christina Benson noted Adult GROW is moving ahead with additional classes. She looks forward to working with the Adult GROW hire. Classes have been filled to room capacity.

- X. The meeting was adjourned following closing prayer by Pastor Mira at 6:30pm.

Next Meeting: Monday, October 21, 2019 at 5:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary