

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

March 9, 2009

Those present:

Bob Nesselroad
Judy Nesselroad
Jim Heyser
Lonnie Risner
Nancy Risner
Brian Edgerton
Greg Albright
Nancy Albright

Pam Albright
Jason Albright
Sue McPeek
Debbie Johnson
Frank Montgomery
Freeman James
Sis Rimer

Pastor Val
Mike Handley
Mike Hyland
Bruce Dickerson
Dawn Trapp
Tim Crowe
Charlene Elam

1. Opening Welcome and words of greeting by Mike Hyland
2. Pastor Val led us in an opening prayer
3. Review of February's minutes....no revisions; Brian made a motion to accept, with Greg as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote
4. TREASURER: Nancy Albright reports that although one apportionment payment has been made, we are still one behind, and she may need to tap into the discretionary funds to make the needed payment. February income was somewhat ahead of normal, but March is so far running a little behind.
5. FINANCE: Frank presented a power point program showing our current status (hard copy attached to original minutes). We are currently running about as predicted, utility expense excluded. He also broke down a 3 year projection of what our status would be with the influx of about \$250,000 in additional funding which we hope to gain thru a capital improvement campaign. This projection showed that the 250,000 was just about the correct amount needed to accomplish where we want to be at that time.
6. TRUSTEES: Jason reports that Termites have returned under our stage area, and will need to be treated. The church-wide cleaning that was held on February 28 was a huge success. Instead of the anticipated 12 - 15 volunteers, we had close to 30 show up, and a lot got done. He has conducted an inventory of our cleaning supplies, and some are getting low, so he will be getting a written estimate from a different vendor to compare it to our current supplier of products to see if we can save a little money by changing vendors.
7. SPRC: Judy reports that their committee is currently reviewing staff job descriptions. Our staff member of the month is Pastor Val, and a write up about her will appear in the Newsletter.

8. NOMINATIONS: no report needed

9. STAFF: Pastor Val: As far as our church wide goals, she reports that the Membership Care Committee has been meeting regularly, and the Evangelism Committee is moving forward as well, looking for folks to lead and serve this committee. Three new members are expected to join our church on Easter Sunday. She inquired about a new Church Pictorial Directory, and after a brief group discussion, it was decided that the Senior Pastor would be able to work on that in conjunction with the Membership Committee. She reported on the recent trip up to Urbana UMC to view some of the physical renovations their church has made as well as a coffee shop across the street from their church. Bruce had several photos of Urbana UMC on his computer that he was able to share with the group via the projector. A general group discussion followed on various aspects of what Urbana was doing and whether or not similar things could be done at LUMC.

Youth: Brian reports the Youth Room is about 90% finished with just a few minor things to go. Youth Sunday went very well with several of the Wednesday night youth helping out. In a change from previous Spaghetti dinners as fund raisers, this year the Youth are going to hold a "Dine and Donate" at the Fairfield Applebee's on Sunday, April 19. He continues that the old LUMC projector is no longer needed at Dunlap UMC as talked about at last month's meeting. On March 24, Brian and Dorothy will be starting a Reset Couples small group. Brian began a group discussion of the possibility of using 100% of our Christmas Eve Offering to go toward a specific Missions project, possibly in conjunction with Dunlap UMC giving their Christmas Eve offering as well. Frank was tasked to discuss this possibility at the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

Children's: Dawn reports that the Pathways group will be going to the roller rink this coming Wednesday evening and utilizing the Church van. A meeting will be held right after second service this coming Sunday to organize marching in the upcoming Fairfield Memorial Day Parade. Ray Kissinger has already volunteered use of his pickup truck to help transport kids in the parade to advertise VBS, and other activities at our Church. The children will be performing an Easter Play on April 18 at the Body and Soul Community Dinner. She needs an alternate-month Sunday school teacher to replace one that is graduating in May. We are collecting plastic Easter Eggs and candy to go inside them for next month's Easter Egg Hunt. This program will also include a breakfast with Peter the Disciple and some puppets as well. It will be held at 1000 am on Saturday, April 11. Lisa Gebhart and she went to re-training conference for the Summer Shine Program. After hearing some information about advertising, they want to go door to door in Pierce and Hayes Elementary Districts to seek to sing up kids that may benefit from coming to our Summer Shine Program. They also intend to speak to the PTO's of both schools about our Summer Program, and possibly expanding to both Harrison and Fairfield West schools. Greg made a motion for our Team to give Dawn and her staff a vote of confidence as they move forward to advance the work of the Summer Shine Program. Bruce made a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

Music: Charlene reports the choir combined with St. Mark's UMC choir for the Ash Wednesday service, and plan to do the same on Maundy Thursday combined service which will be held at St. Marks. They will also sing at the Good Friday Service.

DTM: Bruce reports a new Alpha Course will be starting on April 19 for 10 Sunday evenings to be held at the Parsonage. He is working with the Worship Design Team on starting a new worship program starting in July, 2009. April 4 will be a Family Fun Night for young parents with small children. We will have cornhole, Wii games, pizza to eat etc. This past Friday at the prayer-drive-thru we had about 10 cars come thru and request prayer. We are going to try and have this ministry on the first Friday of each month. He recently visited Bethany and Faith UM Churches one Sunday morning to gain ideas on various types of worship etc. The Bible study group on the book of Acts is continuing, and another on-line Bible study is set to begin tomorrow. The Body and Soul monthly meal is picking up a little. We were able to use the van to make 2 trips to transport folks to the meal. We plan to do this on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

10. MISSIONS: Sis reports her committee met on the 5th and talked about the Easter Breakfast. In conjunction with Debbie from the UMW, Sis showed us an example of some school bags that they hope to make with the help of Alpha Circle. These bags will be gathered with similar bags made by other UMC's and taken to the Annual Conference where they will be collected for world-wide distribution. Debbie is working on getting discounts for the materials needed for the bags. Dawn advised that our Church pantry can use some non-food items like toothpaste, toilet paper, soap, etc. that we hand out as care packages to some of the folks who come to the Body and Soul dinner. This will help to cover some of the items that are not covered by food stamps.

11. UMW: Debbie reports their quarterly meeting will be held on March 22 with Cheryl Salzman as the guest speaker. They plan on holding a hanging pot flower sale for Mother's Day. The ladies circles have begun to collect loose change for a "Christmas Jar". We hope to give this money to a needy family for Christmas this year.

12. UMM: Their pancake breakfast is this Saturday from 0700 - 1100.

13. STEPHENS MINISTERS: Judy reports that 5 Ministers attended the retreat for Domestic Violence and substance abuse, due to the predicted increase in people who may need advice in these types of situations.

14. VISION: Tim reports that we now have an RFP created for the remodeling items in the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. Frank has given Tim a financial summary to work from with the fund raising group. He will be calling a meeting this month to get started with the campaign planning. We have reached two tentative contracts with an Architect (\$8,500), and an Interior Designer (\$500). We had a short group discussion on paying for the above two contracts. Brian made a motion to approve contracts and payments with the two aforementioned contractors and authorize the Trustees to sign them Greg made a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote. He continued that the new projector has been installed and will be used on Sunday morning.

15. IT TEAM: Mike reports no meeting has been held, but that a new WEB page is under development for our Church which will have a much sleeker look to it. We are upgrading some programming to our computers which will give us much more room for emails, names, etc. and will eventually save our Church about \$600.00 a year. Frank brought up our Church Secretary, Linda Rouse, and her extreme value to keep our office running efficiently and her help on the Web Page.

16. CLOSING PRAYER: Pastor Val led us in a circle closing prayer.