

LUMC Leadership Team Meeting

April 13, 2009

Those present:

Brain Edgerton	Linda Stephens
Dorothy Edgerton	Mike Handley
Greg Albright	Valerie Waibel
Nancy Albright	Mike Hyland
Sue McPeek	Bruce Dickerson
Tim Crowe	Nancy Risner
Matt Hoffman	Lonnie Risner
Mike Gossage	Dawn Trapp
Jim Heyser	Charlene Elam
Bob Nessleroad	Frank Montgomery
Judy Nessleroad	Sis Rimer
Debbie Johnson	Ed Gebhart

1. Brian opened the meeting with a brief worship video/group discussion covering questions of why we go to church and give money to the church, followed by prayer
2. Mike Hyland welcomed our group with opening words of appreciation
3. Review of last meetings minutes: no changes noted. Brian made a motion to accept, with Tim as a second followed by a unanimous YEA vote
4. TREASURER: Nancy Albright reports that March has still been a tight month for expenses but we have kept up with our District apportionment payment and are still just a little behind on paying our Conference apportionment.
5. FINANCE: Frank gave a nice power point presentation of where our 2009 budget currently stands (hard copy attached to original minutes); He advised that we were successful in getting a 1% reduction on our Conference Apportionments which will be about a \$480.00 savings. He continued with a 3 year future analysis of where we might be in the next 3 years including our anticipated capital improvements. He estimates that our goal of collecting an additional \$250,000 over that 3 year period will be pretty close to what we will actually need to cover our costs and operations.
6. VISION/FUNDRAISING/BUILDING MODIFICATION TEAMS: Tim reports a letter of introduction will go out tomorrow to all congregation members. Our goal is to raise \$250,000 which breaks down to \$1,894.00 per pledged unit. This does not count unpledged givers. Our campaign will conclude on Sunday, May 31, Pentecost Sunday which we are terming "Miracle Sunday". Each Sunday between April 19 and May 31,

there will be presentations and speakers at each worship service. They will be casting the Vision for the future of LUMC.

We continue to work with Jen, our interior designer on Fellowship Hall, and should have the final options by April 27. Testing continues on the hallway walls and divider walls in Fellowship Hall. We have been successful in finding materials to clean and re-paint these areas. Matt Hoffman has been meeting with various LUMC committee chairmen and members as a liaison for the Vision Team. We want to communicate in as many ways as possible with everyone. We will be meeting with the Choir on April 29 to get input on how the choir will be situated in front of the Sanctuary as well as what instrument(s) are needed to accompany the choir during worship service.

Tim then opened a group discussion on clarification as to the role and authority of the remodeling team in acting on remodeling matters in a timely manner without circumventing the Trustees. We talked about the signing of contracts, repairs vs. remodeling and other matters. After a lengthy discussion, Judy made a motion, with Bruce as a second: To authorize (thru 12-31-09) the Building Modification Committee to issue requests for proposals, select bidders, consummate contracts and make project decisions with the understanding that the Trustees must be kept fully informed and any major disagreements will be brought to the Leadership Team for resolution. This was followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

7. TRUSTEES: Matt reports that the termite problem under the stage has been addressed...they attacked a small area which has been repaired with treated lumber and plastic. Tim brought up an idea of looking into the idea of an automated door mechanism to be added to the first floor rear door for disabled persons to have easier access to the building and elevator. A preliminary estimate of about \$1,600 was given, and the Trustees were directed to look into it further to make recommendations on it.

8. SPRC: no report

9. NOMINATIONS: no report

10. STAFF: Senior Pastor: Val thanked everyone for making it a great Holy Week, including a sunrise Easter service with about 25 attendees at the VORA Park with a following breakfast at First UMC. She reports that Lonnie and Nancy Risner have been named Evangelism co-chair persons. She had 2 examples of post cards which will be mailed to members missing 3 weeks in a row. On April 26 at 4pm, she and Pastor Roy will hold another community blessing of the animals. On May 8 we will have our annual Volunteer appreciation dinner with the church staff as servers. This year will be a NASCAR theme.

Youth: Brian reports the youth will take their annual mission trip on July 13 -17, returning this year to Lynchburg, VA to continue some work in the same area that they did last year.

He and Dorothy have been working with the youth on a 6 week program called "Re-set" talking about some of the curious traits about Jesus. He is also talking to the youth about What if you had one month to Live challenge.....as in what did Jesus do with the last 30 days of his own life. Brian opened a group discussion that we touched on at our last Team meeting regarding the possibility of using our entire Christmas Eve Offering this year towards a specific Missions project. He asked for a vote of confidence to pursue the idea that we would hope to be able to give 100% of our Christmas Eve offering to a specific mission to be addressed later in the year, pursuant to adequate funding....the vote carried with 23 YEAS and 1 NAY. He concluded with the upcoming dine and donate on April 19 at Applebee's in Fairfield, where they will donate 10% of LUMC diner's bills to the youth group for their upcoming Mission's trip.

Childrens: Dawn reports the Easter Egg Hunt drew 101 children with 275 adults to search for 500 eggs. Most were not from LUMC. Jason Albright did an excellent job portraying Peter the Disciple. At the upcoming Community meal on April 18, the kids plan to perform a skit called "The First Easter". In May, they will be decorating 4" clay pots to take to nursing home residents. For the upcoming Summer Shine Program she has received word of some volunteers from Badin High School that would like to help out and has looked into putting ads into the Hamilton Utility bills. Our Summer Shine will run three days a week from July 6 - August 7, then First UMC will be picking up the program the following week. On May 3, there will be a lunch meeting for volunteers for our VBS,

Music: Charlene reports the choir was very proactive during Holy Week and its various services. They are also looking forward to the upcoming meeting with the Remodeling Team in regards to the Sanctuary changes.

DTM: Bruce reports the last prayer drive-thru had about 10 cars stopping by for prayer. Bruce asked our Team for a vote of confidence for him to continue to work on a new worship service to start in July called "Immersion" that we are heading in the right direction on this item. Greg made a motion, with Sis as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote. He continued that our last Community Meal went very smooth with 25 diners in attendance and 12 carry-outs sent home as well. As a result our food pantry has been depleted and we are asking some other churches if they would like to help us re-stock. Lisa Gebhart has been busy distributing flyers advertising our next April meal, so hopefully we will see even a bigger turnout than we did in March. Family fun-night was a good time, and he will try to schedule one once a month.

11. MISSIONS: Sis reports their committee met on April 2 and helped organize the Easter Egg hunt and its set-up. For the Conference's Back-pack project, they are planning to hold 2 sewing days on May 9 and 13 from 0930 - 1530 for any member of the congregation who can help them sew. She concluded by reporting the 2-Cents-a-meal Lenten project collected about \$494.00.

12. EVANGELISM: Nancy Risner reports that they are just getting started and have yet to hold a meeting but are certainly looking forward to starting. Their goal is to revive each person's personal relationship with Christ.

13. UMW: Debbie reports that all thru April they will be taking orders for their Mother's Day Hanging Basket project.

14. UMM: no report

15. STEPHENS MINISTRY: Judy reports that they are in their continuing education series called "Boundaries" in helping the ministers to deal with some of today's social situations and problems.

16. VISION: Most items were previously covered in the Fund Raising and Building Modification Team reports. Greg added that the Vision Team was the core group for a 6 week study on the Book of Acts, which centered on keeping the personal ministry and relationship with Christ out front that keeps your life and purpose moving every day.

17. IT TEAM: Mike Hyland reports their team met last month and many thanks to our church secretary Linda who has been working so hard on our new web page which has given us much more room for much less cost. Also thanks to Matt and Bruce who have been working on getting a new set of disks running for the server. Previous space had been getting dangerously low. Media Shout software has been installed on many of the church computers, and after some training will be used in the sanctuary as well. Bruce can now post individual events onto our site and share them with other Cincinnati area churches.

18. Pastor Val led us in a closing prayer and we were dismissed until our next meeting on May 11, 2009 at 7pm