

LUMC Leadership Team Meeting

May 11, 2009

Those present:

Dorothy Edgerton	Neil Hayes	Bruce Dickerson
Sis Rimer	Ed Gebhart	Sue McPeek
Mike Hyland	Frank Montgomery	Dave Vernot
Nancy Albright	Matt Hoffman	Pastor Val
Greg Albright	Linda Stephens	Mike Handley

1. Opening welcome and remarks from Mike Hyland and a prayer by Pastor Val
2. Review of last month's minutes: amendment to the section under Children's Ministry...the number of days per week for The Summer Shine Program will be 3 per week, not 1 per week as was recorded. Greg made a motion to accept the amended minutes with Neil as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote.
3. Consecration and Communion....Pastor Val led us in a short overview and review of the upcoming Miracle Sunday, and the Team members were given the opportunity to make our own early pledges toward this project as we took communion, followed by prayer.
4. TREASURER: Nancy reports that expenses continue to be a challenge, but we are doing the best we can week by week
5. FINANCE: Frank gave us a power point presentation on where our income and expenses are running to date in the calendar year (hard copy attached to original minutes). We are running about \$5,000 behind at this point in the balance between income and expenses, and are still behind on our apportionments. He hopes to soon have the Finance Committee minutes posted on our Church web site.
6. FUND RAISING AND BUILDING MODIFICATIONS: Greg reports meetings continue with both groups looking forward to Miracle Sunday on May 31. He showed us some work already done by our interior designer laid out on a display board with different ideas for changes that will be made in the Fellowship Hall. Val spoke to us about the importance of us, as leaders, to still go forward to the altar during the pledge time on Miracle Sunday even though we may have already pledged tonight during Communion.
7. TRUSTEES: no formal report, but Mike Hyland read portions of a letter from Ray Kissinger on the overall appearance of our Parlor and what we can do to make it a welcoming place vs. a needed work place. Sis brought up the cracked outside bench in our rear lot, and Matt said he would look into its repair.

8. SPRC: Sis reports no recent meetings or activities yet this year

9. NOMINATIONS: no report

10. STAFF: Pastor Val: reported on one of our Church-side goals of Membership Care. The Team is meeting on June 17 and lots of work is being done on several aspects. The Evangelism Team will have their first meeting on May 26 and Lonnie and Nancy Risner are looking forward to getting started on that. On May 17 at 4pm there will be a Blessing of the Wheels in the front parking lot. ON that same date in place of the Pastor's Sunday school class at 1045, there will be an informal session in the Parlor to answer any member's questions about the upcoming Miracle Sunday. Dave opened a group discussion on the description/meaning of Evangelism and what the new team will be focused on and what team work may be needed in that regard.

Youth: Dorothy reports a ministry moment was held last Sunday to highlight Youth Programs. They are on target for their upcoming July Mission Trip to Lynchburg, VA including van preparation. Last month's "dine to Donate" at Fairfield's Applebee's cleared \$65.00 with another one coming up this Sunday in conjunction with the next Christian Education Committee meeting. Papers have been filed to gain reimbursement of activities covered by a \$1,500 grant for youth programs. In June the youth will help with an all-Butler-County Great Miami River cleanup which will occur over several days. Pastor Val said she would be happy to administer any River baptisms for attendees. Some of the Youth have volunteered to help work at the VBS. They have been continuing their Wednesday night "reset" studies, and have been going over to Powerhouse Park to play basketball with some neighborhood kids , a few of which have started to come to the church youth meetings. They will be participating in the Hamilton July 4 parade, and are looking for some adult volunteers to help for this event.

Children's: Val read a report on behalf of Dawn:

Pathways: Kinds made items for Mother's Day and will be making something for Dad's. We are planning on going over to 1st UMC to play basketball on April 20, and stop and have ice cream on the way back to church, so we will be using the van that night. End of the year for Pathways is the June 3rd party.

Sunday School: She needs a replacement teacher due to Lauren not teaching anymore. This would be an every other Sunday job starting in June.

Summer Shine: We need volunteers for this program. She will be putting up a sign up poster in the Parlor. The dates are: July 6 thru August 7 on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 1200 - 330. Lunch will be served from 1200 - 1230 and a snack from 315 - 330. She is planning on walking the neighborhood to get

sign-ups for Summer Shine this Saturday from 1 - 3 PM if anyone would like to join us, please be at the church at that time.

Music: Val read a report on behalf of Charlene: The Choir successfully participated in the Lent/Easter programs. They were quite busy working at services not only on Easter, but on Good Friday and a combined service on Maundy Thursday with St. Mark's UMC --16 LUMC and 13 STMUMC members combining. The choir will continue to present anthems thru May 31, and then take off for the summer. Several members enjoyed attending the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner.

Charlene wants to thank Cheryl Salzman and John Belanger for recent special music presentations and she is always looking for more performers for the summer months. She and Nancy have been working with Dawn at the beginning of the Education hour each Sunday. They have also started to work on some of the upcoming VBS songs.

Members of the Vision Team met with the choir on April 28 to go over changes occurring in the sanctuary. The choir asked questions and shared their opinions, and a good discussion resulted.

DTM: Bruce reports the prayer drive thru continues on June 5. Park Ave. UMC is going to borrow our signs to give the same ministry a try over on their busy street. The next Feeding the Body & Soul community meal will be May 16. He is having a meeting with the SPRC on May 28 to talk about the new proposed worship service and to explain his upcoming school schedule. He is also going to be the Lay rep to the annual conference in June. He is starting a Job Search Focus Group and single's group soon, and plans another Family Fun Night in June.

11. MISSIONS: Sis reports that her committee met on Thursday and talked about the Saturday sewing project. About 40 back packs have been already cut out and they will meet again on Wednesday morning at 0930. She opened a short discussion about the possibility of assisting Daniel's village in Africa, especially aid to its children with needed supplies.

12. EVANGELISM: their first meeting is on May 26

13. UMW: No report

14. UMM: Bruce reported that he had attended their recent breakfast at Ohio Lunch and enjoyed assisting Scott Handley give a presentation including photos of his recent army tour in Iraq. June 13 is their yard sale date. The UMM also voted to give 50% of their profits in 2009 to the Miracle Sunday programs/improvements.

15. Stephens Ministers: no report

16. VISION TEAM: Greg gave us a brief update on making sure we knew that their Team is still focused on spiritual and gospel aspects of our church's future, not just physical changes. And that those aspects are proceeding.

17. ITT: Mike Hyland reports no meeting this past month, and they are still seeking a 4th person to help with the video on Sunday mornings.

18. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER: Neil opened a brief discussion on how we are going to handle the giving from the upcoming Miracle Sunday pledges. Nancy already has a separate bank account established to keep these funds separate. We also talked about if we were going to have special envelopes or just mark our current pledge envelopes for special offering, etc.

19. Pastor Val led us in a closing circle prayer until we meet again on June 8, 2009