

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

June 14, 2010

Those present:

Sue McPeek	Linda Teague	Ed Gebhart
Lonnie Risner	Tim Crowe	Judy Nesselroad
Nancy Risner	Bob Nesselroad	Mike Gossage
Mike Handley	Greg Albright	Nancy Albright
Pastor Val	Sis Rimer	Dawn Trapp
Bruce Dickerson	Linda Stephens	

1. Linda Teague opened the meeting with a welcome to us and a prayer
2. REVIEW of last month's minutes. No changes to note. Greg made a motion to accept with Nancy as a second followed by a unanimous YEA vote.
3. LAY ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT: Judy reports there were 2539 delegates attending. The focus of the conference was: Love in Action, Building B ridges Out of Poverty. The total offering for Grace Children's Hospital in Haiti and the Methodist Children's Home in Ohio was \$150,618.00. 19,260 pounds of potatoes are to be distributed to 3 food banks in Ohio as well.

There were 7 recommendations considered: Support Abolishing Human Trafficking, Approve the budget, Report from the Commission of Equitable Compensation, Board of Pension and Health, to Support Fair Trade, the Ministerial Sexual Ethics Policy and Encouragement to Respond to Conviction Related to Modern Times. Bill Brownson was voted in as Conference Treasurer.

Leadership of the Church needs to consider: Invest your resources in places where people can meet Jesus. Connect with others to make ministry happen. We at LUMC are not alone. We are in connection with other Methodist Churches. For Judy, she was reassured about our Church when she saw our Bishop give an alter call, inviting people to make commitments and the DS's being available to pray with people during this time. In addition, they were privileged to hear a woman pastor from Memphis, who brought an auditorium of over 2000 to their feet as they responded to her message and to the Holy Spirit. It was an experience she will not soon forget. Judy and Bob send thanks for allowing them to represent our church. We are purchasing the videos of the pastor's messages and hope to share them with you all.

4. TRUSTEES: Mike Gossage reports the boiler repair is complete. The good news is that \$8,074.42 is covered by insurance, and we only have to pay the \$500.00 deductible. The condensation return project is almost complete. This week will wrap up the approximately \$17,000 project to repair the return piping leaks. The only additional problem found during the project was the underside of the return tank located in the boiler room had pitting also and was beginning to leak. We were able to save a little on the digging of the trench and may be able to fund most of the cost to replace this tank

and reuse pumps that were on the bad tank. The defective asbestos tile near the rear entrance door was removed at the same time the flooring in Fellowship Hall was removed and new Armstrong commercial tile was installed in its place. The Rumpke proposal was discussed which offered a \$60/month contract. We are currently paying \$114.00/ month. After contacting CSI to cancel our service, they informed us that we had a contract that automatically renews every 3 years. The next renewal date is January 2012. CSI offered to lower our rate to \$75.00/ month. Since we have a contract and they have not failed to perform, we will review this item at the next meeting, but he anticipates the acceptance of the lowered monthly rate since a contract is in place.

Concerns have surfaced with the renter being able to pay the rent on Arlington Avenue. Due to a call from Linda, the May payment was made and the June payment was promised to be paid last week. We had discussed having a cleaning day June 19, but with all of the other work we were in the middle of, we decided to reschedule at a later date and will discuss it at this week's meeting. Greg added new mics have been ordered to replace those we have which are on old frequencies now assigned elsewhere.

5. SPRC: Tim reports we are still looking for a Youth Leader. We have talked with a few candidates but have been unable to successfully hire anyone yet. We still have ads out in various places and are making contact with 2 potential candidates this week. We hope to be successful in finding the right person in the near future. While we continue to look, Val, Linda Teague, Patrick Rimer, and David Vernot are filling in on Sundays and Wednesday nights. If anyone knows of someone who would be interested in helping out with the youth group on a temporary basis, please ask them to contact the office or any member of the SPRC group. Randy Sterns has asked Pastor Val to be the Clergy Cluster Leader in this area. Randy considers Val to be a leader, and will take her to Atlanta August 9 - 13 for leadership training. Val is also meeting with other Pastors in a "church turn around" group. This group will meet every 6 weeks at various locations in Michigan on how to effectively turn struggling churches around. Staff evaluations are ongoing.

6. FINANCE: Ed gave a power point presentation to our group on the current financial situation which was about the same as last month.....income behind expenses. Nancy Albright added that the summer months are historically down for giving, but this year even more so than in the past.

7. NOMINATIONS: No report...all positions filled

8. STAFF: Senior Pastor: Val reports as far as our 2010 church wide goals we are still welcoming new people who are visiting with us each Sunday at both worship services. Our Spiritual Vision Team meets weekly on Mondays. Our Prayer Captain, Doris Weber, leads our prayer warriors as they all pray for both the Spiritual Vision Team and the new Immersion Service which will begin on WED, September 1, 2010. As we look at our neighborhood and its needs surrounding the Church, we are trying to understand God's leading about the house next door as a possible "Shepherd's Place", how we can

transport folks here through the leasing/buying of another van; increasing the number of servant volunteers, and the launching of a new mission project in the Bonwire Wesley Methodist Church in Ghana, West Africa.

Worship in June and July: June 20 is Father's Day when we will honor all men; June 27 is the day liturgical dancers will join us for both services and move to the Lord's Prayer and the Blind Man. July 4, Bruce will be preaching. July 25 trumpet player and musician David Wells will be with us for both services as he shares his witness and music. Looking even further ahead Dr. Jerry Lucas former Middletown High School, OSU, Olympic Team and NBA basketball star will preach and lead us in a program both on Sunday, Sept. 26, and Monday, Sept. 27. On Sunday July 25 from 3 - 5pm we will meet in the parlor to again review the 2010 church goals and determine how we are doing in achieving them. Val asked our opinion on how the new prayer time at the altar was going, with a favorable response. on Sunday June 20, Bob and Judy will give a report to the congregation at both services on the annual Conference. Val will be on vacation from June 28 - July 2. We had a short discussion about the second service this past Sunday where the entire congregation was called forward to the chancel area to worship. The Church office will be closed on Friday, July 2 for July 4 weekend.

Youth: Linda reports herself, Val, and Dave Vernet are still pinch hitting to cover the WED evening youth meetings, and are continuing to cover the program "Revelation". We are still having between 5 - 10 youths on WED and Sundays. We are still planning to assist the out of town youth groups which will be coming to Hamilton in July on mission work.

Music: no report

DTM: Bruce reports he is preaching on July 4 and August 15 and will be singing twice as well. On October 2 there will be a craft show fundraiser for the new Immersion Service. We are finalizing ads for it on radio and cable TV. His WED night Bible study is continuing, and has a fellow seminary student who is fluent in Spanish coming to talk to his group to give a very basic course to them that might help us in our Community Meals.

Children's: Dawn has been super busy with the expanded Summer Shine Program and will get the secretary a copy of her report at her first opportunity.

9. IT TEAM: Bruce reports 2 new computers are here and he is working with them to see what they are both capable of

10. EVANGELISM/MISSIONS: Nancy and Sis report their combined committees met on May 25 and talked about the following: The signs that Bob Nesselroad had been working on to advertise the Community Meals are nearing completion and we will be placing them throughout the neighborhood to inform the community when the next meal will be. They also discussed the possibility of forming a Prayer Garden with a prayer mailbox in that garden on the outside of the church. We will continue to discuss this possibility before taking it to the Trustees. We have begun a mission outreach for the Bonwire Wesleyan Methodist Church in Ghana, West Africa. This began on June 13

and will be on-going. Sis updated the committee on the progress of a second church van. This included the possibility of leasing one, getting an old one from Miami University, sharing one with another church, etc. There are still more meetings needed with finance about funding it. We set August 22 from 6 - 7:30 pm for an ice cream social with the hopes that the Praise Band will play once again this year.

11. UMM: no report

12. UMW: will hold a bake sale and book sale in conjunction with the UMM yard sale this coming Saturday

13. STEPHENS MINISTERS: Judy reports they met today with the Presby ministers and discussed the possibility of a new training class for Stephens Ministers to start this September

14. SPIRITUAL VISION: Greg reports the group continues to meet regularly and studying on the growth of churches. The ideas they are following are concentrating not on focusing on the number of church programs, but rather to focus on the church's members who have the deepest relationship with Christ since they hold the tools to help the church expand.

15. Pastor Val led us in a closing prayer

16. NEXT MEETING: MON, July 12, 2010 at 7pm