

LUMC Leadership Team Meeting

June 8, 2009

Those present:

Mike Hyland
Frank Montgomery
Tim Crowe
Sis Rimer
Linda Teague
Matt Hoffman

Dorothy Edgerton
Dawn Trapp
Brian Edgerton
Mike Handley
Sue McPeek

1. Opening remarks and welcome by Mike Hyland
2. Brian led us in opening worship with a devotional and prayer
3. Review of last month's minutes with no changes noted...Tim made a motion to accept with Sue as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote.
4. TREASURER: Sue reports that we were only able to make a 50% apportionment payment last month. Our expenses continue to outdistance our income.
5. FINANCE: Frank gave a power point slide show (available on the LUMC web site) updating us on where we stood at the end of May. A group discussion followed of what we can use "capital improvement" funds for vs. routine maintenance. since the Conference will not provide written directives/advice on this matter.
6. TRUSTEES: Matt and Linda report the kitchen and restrooms have all been restocked with plenty of cleaning materials. They advised that the stripping and re-waxing of the floors needs to be complete before the start of next school year's Preschool classes. They have \$5,000 available to contract out the heavy work from an SPRC fund transfer. The outside garage/storage has been reorganized to contain some donated lawn mowing equipment for use by volunteers who would like to help with our grounds upkeep. We are still looking for a weed trimmer and blower. Brian said Dunlap UMC has 4 of them, and will see if they can donate one to LUMC. Matt continued that it will cost about \$1,600 to install an automated door at our handicapped entrance, and requested if the Memorial Committee could be contacted to possibly use Memorial Funding for this project.
7. SPRC: will meet later this month
8. NOMINATIONS: no report

9. STAFF: Youth: Dorothy reports Graduation Sunday is upcoming. She was excited to tell us of a significant corporate contribution recently obtained to pay for most of the summer youth trip. This generous donation will allow for the kids not to have to pay anything to go on their Mission Trip to Lynchburg, Virginia. It also frees up previously budgeted trip funds for other youth activities. The youth have been helping with the back pack project for the new Linden Elementary School which will open this coming school year. Brian displayed an example of one of the 40 recently donated back-packs to this project, and the kids will work to try and get all 40 of them filled with school supplies for needy children. 35 hand-sewn packs have already been sent to the Conference for LUMC's contribution to that Conference project. Brian adds that this past month he has been taking the youth over to Park Ave. UMC to use their gym.

Children's: Dawn reports they held a party on June 3 to end the Pathways Wed. night program for the year. They will resume on September 9. So far 30 kids have signed up for VBS and 70 kids are signed up for Summer Shine. So many in fact, that we are borrowing Grace UMC's van to help transport. Val has already talked to Bethany and Cornerstone UMC's for some extra manpower help for Summer Shine, as both of those churches had folks seeking mission projects to work on. As soon as our Summer Shine program stops, it starts again at First UMC, so we will be helping them with the food portion up there. Dawn continued that at a recent Grant writing seminar, LUMC was utilized as an example for the seminar.

Music: Sis read Charlene's report.....The choir has finished for the summer, and she is seeking individual singers or musicians for summer worship service music. A hidden switch was located in an upstairs closet that got the choir loft speakers working!

10. MISSIONS: Sis reports the completion of 35 hand-sewn school bags to be sent off to the Conference's project. The remaining bags will be distributed locally with supplies inside them. We still have 65 - 70 to use locally.

11. EVANGELISM: Sis reads Lonnie and Nancy's report: The Evangelism committee met for the first time on Tuesday, May 26. There were about 10 people attending. We discussed what the church has already been doing in the area of evangelism including the Prayer Drive-thru and the Community Dinners. We then discussed how we can get the Word out into the community. Ideas included taking small outreach packages door-to-door and what should be included in these packages. One member has made magnet cards with church information on it and these were distributed door-to-door during the past 2 weeks along with information about Summer Shine and VBS. We will continue to walk the neighborhood distributing the Summer Shine information and the magnets. We also discussed having table sitters saying grace at the Community Dinners. We felt it might be nice to have a small prayer written up at each table for use by those in attendance. This will be done in coordination with the Body and Soul Committee. Our next meeting is Tuesday, June 30 at 1830.

12. UMM: no report

13. UMW: no report

14. Stephens Ministers: no report

15. VISION TEAM: Tim reports the Miracle Sunday program has been completed. We received 87 pledges totaling \$168,775.73. An average pledge amount was \$1,982.00 over the 3 years. Obviously this is far below our goal of \$250,000. Since there were 132 pledge units for the 2009 operating budget we are hopeful we will receive a few more pledges during the month of June. However we are grateful for the response we have received and the remodeling team will meet next Monday, June 15 to begin the building modification process.

In order to complete the Vision as it was originally proposed we will need more monies for remodeling purposes. The Vision Team would like to request the Leadership Team consider selling another property to raise these funds. If this option is not approved then Tim would ask for direction from the Team on how monies should be used as we consider staff, programs and building modifications.

A group discussion followed on the selling of property, loan possibilities, value of properties, etc. Mike suggested that we have a special Team meeting in roughly 2 weeks to discuss this issue since we needed some more information and had only a small amount of members at this particular meeting. Pastor Val will be contacted to coordinate a meeting date.

16. IT Team: Mike Hyland reports that their team has not recently met, but they have secured Danny Thomas as their 4th volunteer to help run the video projector on Sunday mornings.

17. Brian closed the meeting in prayer.

Next regular meeting is Monday, July 13 at 1900.