

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

August 10, 2009

Those Present:

Dawn Trapp	Matt Hoffman
Tim Crowe	Nancy Risner
Mike Hyland	Lonnie Risner
Bruce Dickerson	Ed Gebhart
Frank Montgomery	Brian Edgerton
Mike Handley	Sue McPeek
Sis Rimer	Charlene Elam
Pastor Val	Linda Stephens

1. WELCOME and opening remarks from Mike Hyland
2. Brian led us in an opening prayer
3. Review of Last Month's minutes: no changes were noted. Brian made a motion to accept with Brian as a second followed by a unanimous YEA vote
4. TREASURER: Sue reports that July was a light month for collections, as it historically is with folks on vacation etc., but we still managed to make a \$2,000 payment to the Conference earmarked for Pastoral pensions. We are staying caught up 100% with our District apportionments, but are having trouble meeting our goal of 80% to the Conference.
5. FINANCE: Frank gave a power point presentation to the Team which is available to view on the church web page (a hard copy will be attached to the original printed minutes) Briefly, his figures showed our expenses running about \$19,000 ahead of our income, as well as being \$15,000 behind in our Conference apportionments.

We had a nice group discussion about disbursement of the funds related to the recently cashed CD which matured for \$83,280. Frank also brought us up to date on his committee's work investigating four different financial institutions in regards to obtaining a \$100,000 loan on our Church building. Union Savings Bank of Hamilton was far and away the best deal of the four we looked at. He also urged to group at our next meeting to develop a plan to have the Freeman Avenue property upgraded to the point where it would be available to market by the second quarter of 2010, as we will need the proceeds of this sale to help quickly pay off our loan. Matt advised that the Trustees had taken up some preliminary discussions on that matter, and Mike tasked the Trustees at their next meeting to continue that course, and make a presentation to the Leadership Team at our next meeting on their recommendations in regards to the Freeman Avenue property.

The subject then turned to our Conference apportionments. We had a group discussion on various aspects involved in not staying current etc. with these. Following discussion, Sis made a motion, with Lonnie as a second, for our church to make a payment of \$7,500, roughly half of what we are behind to the Conference. This was followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

6. BUILDING MODIFICATIONS/VISION TEAM: Tim reports his team is focused on our remodeling plans for the building right now. He stresses that this is not what the entire Vision process is all about, but it is a part of the process and it happens to be what we are working on at this time.

As a result of the Church conference vote on Sunday, July 26, the Finance committee has been working to acquire a loan for capital improvements related to the Vision process. The Vision team has moved forward with remodeling plans including Fellowship Hall cleaning and painting, ordering chairs, carpet, pulpit, organ, key board and other items. We are working with the Treasurers to track capital spending in order to stay within budget.

The next areas we will define will be lighting and sound for the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. We have contacted the architect to begin the chancel area remodeling. There has been a delay in completing the drawings needed for building permit requests. We expect to have permit requests ready for submission to the City of Hamilton by 8/15/09 and hope to have the permits necessary to begin the construction process by 8/31/09. We are confident we can complete all aspects of the remodeling project by the December 1st goal.

7. TRUSTEES: Matt opened a group discussion involving the proposed selling of some surplus equipment around the church. Most of the discussion focused around our surplus of pianos, and Charlene brought us up to date on her and Nancy McCormick's recommendations on which instruments we should sell, keep etc. Following discussion, Matt made a motion, with Charlene as a second, to allow the Trustees to sell 2 projectors, 1 projector lens, the Hammond organ in the Chapel, some small miscellaneous items and 1 or 2 of the upright surplus pianos with guidance from the Music Director. This was followed by a unanimous YEA vote.

8. SPRC--no report

9. NOMINATIONS: Val reports she met briefly with Jim Heyser and work will begin at the end of August for 2010 positions

10. STAFF: Senior Pastor: Val asked our group to begin thinking about ideas involving church-wide fund raisers, with proceeds to be put into the operating budget funds. The group kicked around some preliminary ideas. She continued that the staff has been meeting with other area UMCs for the possibility of working together on some shared ministries. These churches are St. Marks, First UMC, Park Avenue and Grace. She advised that the Charge conference is

coming up soon and will follow the same format as last year. In regards to our church-side goals, our membership team is still meeting regularly.

Youth: Brian reports their mission trip to Lynchburg was very good. They started their back-pack project on July 19, and have distributed 20 so far including some kids who came to the Summer Shine program. He will be meeting with the youth leaders from the 5 above mentioned churches to look at the possibility of some joint meetings, activities, utilization of facilities etc. One idea is a joint meeting of all five church's youth on a Wednesday night, but move the meeting venue from church to church each week.

Childrens: Dawn reports our Summer Shine program concluded this past Friday; we served approximately 1500 lunches and snacks for the 5 weeks, 3 days per week program. She personally knows of 2 children that gave their lives to the Lord as a result of attending, and we have several children who have joined us on Sunday mornings. Today was the first day of First UMC's 2 weeks VBS, and we are supplying their lunches and snacks through this same summer food program. Again, thanks to all in leadership who helped out with Summer Shine: Sue, Brian, Ed, Sis, Bruce, Matt, Mike and Pastor Val.

Next month for only children's ministry, we will be changing our Sunday morning schedule:

0930 - 1030 = Sunday school

1030 - 1130 = Kid's Worship Time

and she still needs additional teachers.

She advised that she has already submitted another Grant request to the Ohio River Valley conference for next summer: New to Summer Shine will be Summer Shine Youth Mission Outreach, which is offering to the east/west Ohio Conference youth groups to come here and spend a week and help with both Summer Shine and Living Waters. The program would run from Sunday night to Saturday morning; with offering the youth 2 worship services/Bible study materials to help them understand what it means to be missional in the body of Christ. Lisa Gebhart would be the Director of the Summer Shine for the kids, and Dawn has asked Brian and Dorothy to help with setting up programming/worship for the youth. Dawn would then take the role of coordinator over both the kids and the volunteer youth program.

On September 19 from 0900 - 1230 there will be a Children's Summit Conference at First UMC in Middletown, and she is also meeting with Grace UMC and Living Waters.

Music: Charlene reports that choir practice begins on September 2. On August 29, there will be a Music Department picnic at Greg and Nancy Albright's house. All church singers, choir members, musicians etc. are welcome to attend. On August 23 our special music for worship will be a cellist. She has been thinking about a Saturday in September for a "hand-bell choir 101" type class for anyone

interested in joining the hand-bell choir, from Junior High age on up. A men's singing group is in the formation stage.

She says we are missing the 12 little metal tables that we use for hand-bell choir that sit atop regular tables to hold music and extra bells, if anyone knows where they are. Bruce thought he might have a lead on where they are.

DTM: Bruce reports a grant request has been submitted to the District to the start the new evening service. Most of the money is needed for marketing, either on radio, local cable TV or newspapers. He is going to let the young adults feedback guide him as to what the best night would be for the new service. He is going to start a different type of Bible study on Wednesday nights in mid-September...which will include video study. This next weekend he will be attending a training conference in Columbus titled: Re-thinking Church. He wanted to note a big thank you to Matt for being such a great help on our server and other church computers that recently needed repair. He will be returning to full time school on September 9, and thus will have some change in his office hours.

11. MISSIONS: no report

12. EVANGELISM: Nancy reports our church is holding a community ice cream social on Sunday, Aug. 23 from 1900 - 2030. She has obtained some free Christian hand-out material to be distributed at the social. Volunteers are needed for set up and take down of the tables. On Monday, Aug. 24, we will have a table set up on the new Linden Elementary School as a part of the new student scavenger hunt and be handing out erasers with our church info. stamped on them. She is checking into the possibility of being able to utilize Community Service workers from the Court to serve some of their time helping on church projects. And she is kicking around the idea of holding a Revival during Lent next year.

13. UMM: no report

14. UMW: no report

15. Stephens Ministers: no report

16. IT TEAM: Mike reports the success of being able to show "Children's Time" live via video on the big screen in front so folks near the back of the sanctuary can enjoy this time of the service. He still needs one more volunteer to assist on Sunday morning services. They should be on line to have a Media Shout training for all of our church staff in September and have all the church computers loaded with the new program.

17. Pastor Val led us in a closing circle prayer. Next regular meeting is Monday, September 14, 2009