

LUMC LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

August 9, 2010

Those attending:

Greg Albright
Nancy Albright
Bruce Dickerson
Charlene Elam
Mike Handley

Ed Gebhart
Bob Nesselroad
Mike Gossage
Sue McPeek
Sis Rimer

Judy Nesselroad
Georgia Gossage
Linda Stephens
Dawn Trapp
Matt Hoffman

1. Greg opened the meeting with words of welcome, a prayer and a short discussion of Scripture Passage 1 Corinthians 2: 9.
2. REVIEW of Last Meeting's Minutes: no changes noted. Mike Gossage made a motion to accept with Nancy as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote.
3. TREASURER: Nancy reports July was a difficult month for finances, as it historically is with taxes, insurance etc. coming due. We ended up about 5,000 in the red and had to utilize 3,000 from the Miracle Sunday funds to meet the payroll for church staff. On the other hand, the first Sunday in August was very good for collections. We had a short discussion of using the "Resource Center" funds rather than Miracle Sunday funding for the purchase of Dawn's office computer which was approved at the last meeting. Nancy made a motion to utilize the Resource Center funding, with Linda as a second, followed by a unanimous YEA vote.
4. IT TEAM: Matt reported his team met on August 4. He opened a group discussion about the current computer server does not support Microsoft and we could be risking security hacks and have no backup if a crash were to happen. We discussed several options for what to do to correct this, and Matt will report back again at the next meeting. Matt wants to investigate getting a used unit, rather than spending up to \$1,200 on a new unit.
5. TRUSTEES: Mike reports that his committee met on July 15, 2010. The rent payment update is upbeat. Terie paid her June payment. She has also advised that she will pay July and August when she gets her August 18 paycheck. Also in SEPT, she will make a payment on the past due amount. She stated that a hold was put on her paycheck and that caused her to be unable to pay her rent on time. It was announced that the preschool will be using the upstairs rooms and leave the first floor rooms for our Children's Ministry. Due to the need for the choir to practice in the chapel after the Immersion Service begins, to all for choir practice, Greg submitted a request to store the modesty rails and the metal rails in the sub basement and relocate the Hammond Organ and its speaker cabinet to another location. Since the Trustees were

going to try to sell the organ, we will put it on Craig's list and actively try to sell it.
UPDATE-----the above listed items have been moved and the organ sold for \$400.00.

The Abitibi paper recycling container program was reviewed. The trustees agreed that using this system not only benefits the environment, but also will make revenue for the church. The idea was tabled so we could give consideration to a location for the container and review any issues that could come up as a result of using this system. Some items were reviewed involving work that was needed at the parsonage. July 21 a group of trustees met and cleaned the refrigerator condenser coil, removed a dead Norway Spruce from the side yard, and removed a large overgrown spruce on the NE corner of the house. A request was made to allow the Kettle Corn program to use the van to transport the system to events. After discussion, a motion was made and carried to allow the Kettle Corn workers to use the van, as long as it does not interfere with other church functions; they install a hitch, and limit the vehicle's use to a 75 mile radius. Gas used, is also to be replaced. This is all assuming that there are no insurance issues. We recently had a Fire Inspection. There were concerns about the wall on the stage and the exit sign on the North side of the stage being dim. Also the use of an extension cord to the band area. All issues have been resolved.

Short group discussions were opened involving the possible gift of our chairlift on the side of the stage to Habitat for Humanity, how the WED Immersion Service might affect the use of the chapel and noise for Pathways program, and the security of the grates over the basement window wells.

6. SPRC: will meet this coming THRS to continue the search for a part time youth director

7. NOMINATIONS: no report

8. FINANCE: Ed presented a power point presentation to the group on our current financial situation. He will publish a short version in the Newsletter, and a complete report can be found on the Church web page. All committees are doing a good job and spending under budget except for the Trustees who ran into some unexpected maintenance that had to be corrected. Church giving is down under out prediction slightly.

9. STAFF:

Senior Pastor, and Youth: Val is in Georgia for training, no report. Music: Charlene reports choir practice starts back up on SEPT 8, and she spoke of the need to be flexible the first few WEDS this fall until we can get settled since we will have so much going on at once on that night. She also contacted a colleague, Tammy Andrews, in regards to our last month's discussion about having someone speak to us about assistance in handling behavior problems in children. Charlene speaks very highly of her ability in this area. We have a tentative meeting with her on AUG 15. DTM: Bruce reports he is preaching on AUG 15 and singing the last 2 Sundays of the month. He has been very busy marketing the new Immersion Service, especially with radio station 93.3. A contract has been signed to run ads from AUG 18 right up to SEPT 1 when the

service begins. A banner to hang on the Pleasant Ave. side of the church as been ordered and should be up soon. About 2000 post cards will mailed out next week inviting people to the service. 125 T shirts have arrived and due to be printed. There were 23 classic cars at our first Classics for Christ car show in July. We had a really good turnout and about \$450.00 was raised. Thus, he did not have to use the \$350.00 Miracle Sunday funds as requested at the June meeting. He is helping to teach the new members class, and finds them a fun and interesting bunch. He is involved with writing a District Grant for next year to help continue the Immersion Service. His seminary classes start back on SEPT 8, but there will be no change in his office hours at church. He is also meeting with SPRC later this month to proceed with the next level of ordination training. On AUG 29 he will be assisting at the River Baptisms.

Children's: Dawn reports Summer Shine was a huge success.....meals and snacks served at LUMC, Park Ave, and First UMC came to 3,439! We had borrowed Middletown's van to help transport kids, and it was involved in a minor accident for which we will be paying the deductible. She again wants to express her thanks to all who helped out. She had about 25 - 30 volunteers each day, as well as Youth groups from LUMC, Grace, Germantown, and Loveland. She will hold a follow up evaluation in SEPT. We had several families of Summer Shine children attend a Sunday morning service to hear their children sing songs they had learned at camp.

10. MISSIONS/EVANGELISM: Sis reports they met on July 27 and discussed the following: We finalized plans for the Ice Cream Social, which will be held on AUG 22. Flyers were sent home with the Summer Shine children, and I hope to place a flyer at both March and Kroger during this week. We will be creating "tickets" to give to the congregation in order to invite a friend to the Jerry Lucas Events. We also discussed the idea of having a potluck supper before the Sunday evening event. More will be discussed at our AUG meeting. We discussed the generous donation given to our Ghana mission by a person outside of our church. It was decided to use that money to pay for postage and/or buy extra supplies that we thought might be needed. A thank you note was sent from our committee on behalf of the congregation. We are planning on shipping the school supplies within the next week. We also discussed how to fund the food pantry as the needs of people seem to be growing. We decided that we could collect loose change on the 5th Sunday on the month for this purpose. We will also appeal to the congregation again and update the bulletin as to what supplies are needed. We discussed the use of the property next door as the Shepherd's Place and are planning to create a Task Force with someone from Finance, Trustees, Evangelism/Missions, and the congregation at large. Our hopes are that this Task Force could have a couple of meetings before the end of the year. This will be discussed further at our AUG meeting.

We passed out 27 bags of groceries at our last community meal, and there are more new people showing up all the time. We also had a good group discussion of how to get a LARGE number of items sent over to Ghana, West Africa.....on the scale of a ship's container.

11. UMW: Judy reports AUG 23 will be the day at Max and Irma's to eat and we will get a 20% cut of the sales that we bring them.

12. UMM: a Veteran of the Tuskegee US Army Air Corps will be speaking at their next meeting

13. STEPHENS: Judy reports a class to train new ministers will begin in SEPT if we have at least 4 interested students between us and the Presby church.

14. SPIRITUAL VISION: Greg reports his group continues to meet on a regular basis, and is studying the new book "Revival", for the next few weeks. The prayer warriors are praying for the team, and they will share some skits with the congregation soon.

15. NEW BUSINESS: short discussion of adding a new category to next month's agenda, termed "State of the Church"...all agreed

16. Greg made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Matt as a second

Next Meeting is Monday, SEPT. 13, at 7pm