

Lindenwald United Methodist Church

Leadership Team Minutes – August 8, 2011

Those Present:

Dan Dennis	Bruce Dickerson
Tim Crowe	Dawn Trapp
Mike Gossage	Sue McPeek
Sis Rimer	Leslie Hyland
Linda Stephens	Ed Gebhart

Bruce Dickerson led the group in prayer to open the meeting at 7pm.

July minutes were read. One correction was made. Sue McPeek made a motion to approve the amended minutes, seconded by Sis Rimer. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

Sue McPeek: Pledges were down \$4,641 in July. We collected 79% of budgeted pledges which is not unusual for July. Last year at the end of July we were down \$5,600.

We had a tax bill of \$1,962. Overall, total expenses were down \$3,700 for the month- under but closer at 94% of budgeted.

We borrowed \$4,000 for July payroll, making a total borrowed for the year of \$23,000.

Trustees Report

Mike Gossage, Chair: Ronald Anselmo Painting's estimate to paint the ceramic tile in hallways is \$2,500. This does not include the paint and primer which is \$1,500.

Two proposals have been received for the steeple steel repair. Saurber Construction and Kelly & Carpenter Roofing and Sheet Metal Inc. quoted \$9,182. Bambeck & Vest and Bickers Steel Fabrication quoted \$10,372. Neither quote includes the permit fees. Both of these quotes use bolts instead of welding and do not correct the original reason that the steel has failed. That repair cannot be completed without using a crane.

The heat pump in the Fellowship Hall has been replaced.

The trustees discussed the need to scrub and recoat the VCT flooring in the halls and classrooms. We have received a proposal of \$2,550 which includes all labor and material, compared to a cost of \$3,974 last year from HRS. We can consider doing one floor each year and I will take any recommendations from Leadership team on how to proceed.

Staff Parish

Tim Crowe: We continue to meet with the Program Staff Members. Last month we talked with Dawn and this month we will meet with Bruce.

We began our group discussions about staff performance reviews. Performance reviews will begin to take place next month and be concluded by November.

We have also begun to talk very preliminarily about our budget for 2012.

Nominations

No report.

Finance Report

Ed Gebhart, Chair: Ed gave a PowerPoint presentation. The finance committee anticipates a new campaign next spring to close our financial gap.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor, Val Waibel: No report.

Pastor Dan Dennis, Youth Minister:

3 of our youth went on a mission trip with St. Mark's UMC.

Several volunteered with the Summer Shine program.

They enjoyed swimming at the Albright's home last month.

Several are participating in music during our Sunday worship services. One youth is being trained on the soundboard.

MUH: My goal is to get 100 students from area high schools to be a part of the MUH Pep Club. I will hold pre-game devotions to help develop a spiritual relationship with the students.

MUH volleyball team will host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser at LUMC on Saturday, August 27th.

FCA: we will hold some meetings at LUMC. Huddle meetings will be at Hamilton High School and LUMC.

Dawn Trapp, Children's Ministry Director:

Summer Shine

Summer Shine ended on August 5, we averaged about 95 to 100 kids per day, I will have the full count for next month's meeting. I am still in the process of cleaning up. Lisa Gebhart will not be returning next year as the director. I have already spoken to several people about doing this job next year, I am going to break it up into 3 different positions. I sent in a grant to the ORV for over \$4,000.00 for next summer. We are going down to 4 weeks next year, July 9-August 3.

Thanks to all who helped us this summer. We reached over 75 families and Bruce will follow up with extra activities that were done with those families.

KBAT

We will be working with new curriculum this fall, it is called Wesley, and it will be about \$160.00 per quarter. Still looking for new teachers; I have hope, so will continue asking people for help.

Pathways

Begins on Sept. 7, Stacy has been added to our volunteer staff. I am working on the schedule for this year. I will be meeting with the teachers on August 16 at 7:00 at PB. Carrie T. has resigned as the food coordinator for the Family Dinner on Wednesday

nights, I have developed a menu and will go to the congregation to see if we can set a team rotation list for serving the food. Still looking at a rotation van driver list for taking the kids home on Wednesday nights.

J-Zone

J-Zone is now a connectional ministry, we will be working with First UMC, and Park Ave. One Monday we will be here, then meet at each of the other churches, then once a month we will do an activity with Dan and the youth group. Thought it would be a good idea to have the 6th graders get used to the youth group, so the transition in June would be successful. I will be meeting with those other churches before our first meeting on Sept. 12 and I am working on the schedule for the year.

I am on vacation from August 18 to the 27th.

I have decided to obtain my M. Div., since I have changed direction from being a deacon to becoming a local pastor and I will be starting this fall at UTS. I have a class on Wednesdays from 9-1 and should be here by 2 pm. I also will have a week long class in Sept., I will make arrangements if I am late for Pathways.

Charlene Elam, Music Director:

Special Music is now going very well during the summer months. Let the individuals providing this music know that their efforts are greatly appreciated!!

There have been many positive comments concerning the "Hymns of Our Faith" series that has been taking place during the summer. Individuals have found the history of the hymns to be very interesting.

Adult Choir is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, September 7 at 7 p.m. in the chapel. I am sure that the choir members would love to have many of you join them at rehearsals as they prepare music to worship Him through song.

Bruce Dickerson, DTM:

Stained Glass: Stories of our Faith, the new sermon series for immersion, began last Wednesday

In the process, with some help, of passing out 75 Thank you bags to the families that attended Summer Shine. This gives us an opportunity to personally invite those families to become a part of the life of our church. About half were passed out last week, the rest will be passed out this week.

Because of this project the Exercise, Evangelize, and Pray ministry has not been completed, but will be very soon.

I will be preaching this Sunday for both the Traditional and Xperience services along with the immersion service this Wednesday.

The Classics for Christ car show is this Saturday from 12-4. There will cars, food, live music and prizes. Ten dollar car registration fee. The band used for this event is not the LUMC Praise band, but a new band that has been practicing weekly for the past month.

I have been taking part in some hospital visitation.

Sanctuary Praise band will be playing first service on August 21

I will be singing for both services August 28

I will be meeting with the SPRC on August 25

The next prayer drive thru is scheduled for September 2 at 4:30pm

Seminary Starts Tuesday September 6. Tuesday will be replacing Thursdays as my day off. My Monday and Wednesday office hours will be staying the same.

Outreach: Sis Rimer

We met July 26th to discuss several items.

We will send chalk to the children at Bonwire UMC.

Treat Street is going to be different this year. We plan to set up a large tent in the front parking lot on Hamilton Trick or Treat night to serve coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. We will provide chairs for people to sit and talk and will also have an area for prayer. We may have some Bible characters and let the children guess who they are.

UMW: Cookbooks are available for \$10.

UMM: Breakfast at Perkins on Saturday.

Stephen Ministry: No report.

Spiritual Vision Team:

Greg Albright, Chair: No report.

Shepherd's Place Team:

Ed made a motion asking for the Leadership Team's blessing to discuss the Shepherd's Place ministry with our congregation, after which he will speak to other area churches to obtain support for Shepherd's Place. The motion was seconded by Sis. Motion passed.

Bruce closed the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.