

Lindenwald United Methodist Church

Leadership Team Minutes – July 11th, 2011

Those Present:

Dan Dennis	Bruce Dickerson
Tim Crowe	Greg Albright
Mike Gossage	Nancy Albright
Sis Rimer	Charlene Elam
Judy Nesselroad	Val Waibel
Linda Stephens	Dawn Trapp
Linda Teague	Ed Gebhart
Leslie Hyland	

Linda Teague led the group in prayer to open the meeting at 7pm.

June minutes were read. Greg made a motion to approve, seconded by Mike. Minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report

Nancy Albright: June was the best month we have had all year. We did not borrow any money from the Miracle Sunday account and we were in the black \$4049.

Trustees Report

Mike Gossage, Chair: Greg is checking prices for ceramic surface painting in the corridors.

Two contractors, Bambeck and Vest General Contractors and Steel Quest, Inc., have looked at the steeple and we are waiting for proposals. Moisture is coming in above the speaker vents at the base of the spire and getting to the steel.

The AC in Fellowship Hall has failed again and a replacement is necessary. Bruce made a motion to replace the air conditioner, Greg Albright seconded. Discussion followed, motion passed.

Our insurance company advised Val that we have structural and liability coverage for the Arlington house.

We plan to form a work group to glaze all windows needing repair. At this point, the cost will be only for the window glazing material.

Staff Parish

Tim Crowe: SPRC is meeting with each program staff member to discuss their jobs , current activities, and plans as well as successes , needs and recommendations. We are reviewing what is necessary to replace Linda's computer and we talked with Daniel about ideas to get more funding for youth projects and programs. This month we will be meeting with Bruce Dickerson.

We are starting our discussions related to performance reviews for the entire staff. Those reviews will begin in the fall.

Nominations

The committee will begin meeting next month.

Finance Report

Ed Gebhart, Chair: Ed gave a PowerPoint presentation. Unpledged giving was up for the month of June.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor, Val Waibel:

1. Since our last meeting, I've experienced God's Holy spirit power through serving community meals....*Listening for Heaven's Sake* training and information day....Summer Shine children, youth, adults....visiting church members in the hospital....leading worship and teaching Sunday School....keeping Dawn and Sis safe after a tire blow-out

2. Church Wide Goals: we are continually making progress-
 - a. Creating a Christ-Like Community – Building on work last year of the Spiritual Vision Team and their invitation to grow in our relationship with Jesus Christ, a church-wide spiritual growth emphasis in the fall based on a book study by Dr. Gary Sweeten.

 - b. Serving our Community – We want to go deeper in our faith commitment and our walk with the Lord by continuing to support Bonwire Wesley Methodist Church in Ghana AND looking into using the Arlington Ave. home for ministry instead of rental income.

c. Continuing to Impact and Reach our Community- we want to again ask what's next for our Lindenwald Church by understanding how to share our faith stories in order to bring people to Christ through worship, Bible Study, and other small group studies. Prayer Walks and organizing pastoral visits to Summer Shine families....I met with Pastor Barbara and Pastor Peggy and continued our conversation about the presence of the United Methodist Church in this area. We talked about writing a grant for Hamilton churches to fund Pastor Daniel to full-time and work together as a Cluster on Youth Ministry in the Hamilton/Fairfield area.

3. Change next Finance meeting , July 28th, on same night as SPRC.
4. Will need to reschedule "Leader's Breakfast" from this coming Saturday, July 16th to a date in August.
5. I will be involved in Northern Lights Women's Emmaus Walk, September 29th, 30th October 1st as Assistant Spiritual director.
6. I have been invited again to be a Clergy Cluster Leader for another year which involves Continuing Education and Leadership Training from Monday, 8/8/11 to Thursday, 8/11/11 at Mohican State Park.
7. Sunday, August 7th from 5 to 7pm – our LUMC is hosting the 1st Church Cluster Picnic. Cluster churches, pastors and members will come to our church for a potluck picnic, games, fellowship and a hymn sing. Please mark your calendars- I want a good turn-out from our church.

Pastor Dan Dennis, Youth Minister:

Church school – minimal attendance but impactful

Worship – youth participation through music

Fellowship- interaction with other youth groups, swim outings, TASC group meetings once/month during the summer, strength classes at MUH, small group lunches

Mission/Service- assist with monthly Community Meal, Summer Shine Program, two volunteers to attend mission trip to Niagara Falls, volunteer support for Nuxhall Dream Field, community service hours

Leadership-TASC officers attending National UMC Youth Leadership Conference at Purdue University July 13-16, youth group officer training

Extended community- organizing and expanding MUH Pep Club for next school year, host and

participate in FCA Huddle at Hamilton High School.

Spiritual Growth- several youth asking questions/taking interest in the meaning of church membership

Dream/Vision-obtain a youth van, acquire a youth/community center, establish summer camps

Material Realm- planned a basketball camp as a fundraiser with MUH, exploring a skills clinic in sports, music, arts.

Director's Frontiers- a pan- Hamilton UMC privately owned public transit system, renovate a downtown building with MUH to be used as a UMC privately owned athletic dorm

Dawn Trapp, Children's Ministry Director:

KBAT- growing; need more teachers for the safety of the children.

Pathways- will resume on September 7th. Lauren Farmer is offering child care for children on Wednesday during the Immersion Service.

Summer Shine- Lisa G. is doing a great job, averaging 100 kids, 25 helpers per day, still getting walk ins each day. We are providing van transportation for 20 kids.

Rays of Hope – Blessed to have Germantown UMC this week. We have been providing meals to First UMC Middletown.

Charlene Elam, Music Director: No report.

Bruce Dickerson, DTM:

immersion had our first outside service, we sang "He reigned" and it did. Service attendance is up. Dinner is going well. So I am preaching weekly.

There was no praise band practice in June because of Fathers Day and the implementation of the upgraded fellowship hall sound system. New electric drums are being used in all the services.

June 26 immersion served at the Hamilton mission

The last prayer walk of the month was a success.

The Prayer Drive Thru on July 8th was cancelled due to lack of participants. This is a mix of personal reasons and the servants being spread between other ministries.

I am in the middle of waiting for gift bags so that we can drop off and thank the families for allowing their kids to be a part of the life of the church and to also invite the parents to join in the life of the church.

Still working on putting together the Exercise , Evangelize and Pray.

Nick Brown has joined the immersion praise band

Gabe Hoskins has begun his education on the sound board and computer

2 praise band practices

In the middle of sermon series 3, simple rules on Bishop Jobs book

August series

stained glass: stories of our faith

Dawn Preaching July 27

Prayer Drive thru August 5, 4:30pm-6pm

August 13 Classics for Christ, 12pm-4pm

Singing in July and August solo's plus sanctuary praise band on top of normal worship leader role on Wednesday and Sunday morning.

Working on forming a worship arts team. More information to follow!

Outreach: Sis Rimer- Pastor Val and I met in June and discussed several issues. The 5th Sunday of July we will collect money to fund school supplies and mailing to Bonwire UMC. The 5th Sundays will be called "Noisy Sundays" because the children will be collecting loose change in metal cans for our mission work.

We had to purchase a new set of tires for the van.

UMW: Cookbooks are for sale for \$10.

UMM: No report.

Stephen Ministry: Our group is joining the Presbyterian Stephen Ministers for continuing education.

Spiritual Vision Team:

Greg Albright, Chair: the first book study leadership training was successful. There is a possibility of a celebration meal in November. Make up day for training is Saturday, July 16th.

Shepherd's Place Team: Power point report presented by Ed Gebhart. Ed made a motion asking Leadership Team's blessing to proceed with plan, seconded by Sis. The motion was withdrawn after further discussion. Another motion will be presented at a later date.

Motion made to adjourn by Nancy, seconded by Judy.

Pastor Val adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 9:40pm.