

Lindenwald United Methodist Church

Leadership Team Minutes – October 10, 2011

Those Present:

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

Linda Teague opened the meeting at 7pm and Pastor Val led us in prayer.

September minutes were read. Mike Gossage made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Greg Albright.

Treasurers Report

Nancy Albright: We needed \$2000 from Miracle Sunday funds to make September payroll. September pledges were down and we were in the red \$3,731 for the month. Pledges for the first 2 weeks of October are already more than the entire month of September. Linda Teague sent a thank you note to the family of John Stenger for the generous donation from his estate.

Trustees Report

Mike Gossage, Chair: The parsonage annual review will be accomplished within the next month.

Silicone sealant has been applied around a lightning arrestor cable penetrating the parapet wall over the parlor kitchenette entrance to stop a water leak.

Progress has been made on window re-glazing. The south side of the church is complete.

Trustees have carefully reviewed all bids, ranging from \$13,300 to \$44,860, for steeple and leak repair. We recommend that we enter into a contract with R.L. Stephenson & Co. There may be additional cost for wood repair, which cannot be determined until the project proceeds and damage can be assessed. Based on what we can see from the inside, we do not feel the damage is extensive.

Mike Gossage made a motion for trustees to enter into a contract with R.L. Stephenson & Co. for \$13,300 for steeple repair with possible additional cost for wood repair. Nancy Albright seconded the motion. Discussion followed and the motion passed.

Staff Parish

Tim Crowe, Chair: SPRC has met with each program staff member to discuss their jobs, current activities and plans as well as successes, needs and recommendations for LUMC.

We have received approval from the Memorial Committee to replace Linda Rouse's office computer. The computer has been purchased and is in the office. If it has not been installed it will be soon.

Pastor Val's performance review will be conducted during our meeting later this month. This review needs to be submitted to the District office by 11/1/11. The rest of the staff performance reviews will be completed by the end of November.

Nominations

The committee is working on 2012 positions and plans to finish soon.

Finance Report

Ed Gebhart, Chair: Ed presented his October Finance Report to the Leadership Team. A financial campaign will begin in the next few weeks.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor, Val Waibel:

1. 1 Peter 3:15 says: Every Christian should be prepared to “give an account for the hope that is in them...” I'd like to refer us to my report with that personal invitation from last month about praying over evangelism...and telling our own God story... and the question-“is it time as a Church for us to emphasize faith-sharing and actually train one another to share the Good News with those who live far away from God?
 - a. What has God revealed to you as you have been praying over this and then reflecting over it?
 - b. Let's practice sharing our God stories by talking with another person and share how you became a Christ follower. Please pray together a prayer of thanksgiving after your dialog.
 - c. How did it go? Did you appreciate hearing one another's God story?
 - d. I want us to talk about this entire topic at our 2012 Goal-Setting Retreat in January. I'm hoping it can be a major emphasis in 2012.
2. CHURCH-WIDE GOALS for 2011 including creating a Christ -like community, serving our community and continuing to impact and reach our greater communities will be covered in other reports.
3. We are looking at storing much of the food pantry's non-perishables next door because we are out of room in the resource room. Working space is limited in resource room and becomes hazardous when trying to store, organize, prepare and bag the sacks of groceries. I will ask Trustees about this.
4. You (and all Church members/friends) are invited to our Cluster Church Conference, Sunday , November 6, 2011 at Jacksonburg UMC, 4654 Middletown-Oxford Road, Middletown, OH 45042. Our new DS will be present to share his vision and we will celebrate the movement of God's Holy Spirit in our churches over the past year.
5. Next month, we will want to vote upon final Nominations for 2012...compensation for Senior Pastor...and the final Budget for 2012 will have to wait until January 2012.
6. Fall Stewardship Campaign is called “Extravagant Generosity: The Heart of Giving” and begins Sunday, October 23, 2011. Packets available this coming Sunday, October 16 and Wednesday at Immersion, October 19 which include: cover letter and explanation from Senior Pastor, Finance Chair, and Leadership Team Chair...Budget of Ministries...Heart cards related to Sermon Series...and Pledge Card.
7. I appreciate time away this past weekend for a Family Reunion at Wake Forest University in North Carolina. I am sure that Tim Crowe, Lay Leader, had good things to say and provided a challenge to our church family.
8. Christmas Eve Services – 7pm and 10pm...Sunday, December 25 – 10:30am...January 1 – 10:30am.

Pastor Dan Dennis, Youth Minister:

Fall is upon us and TASC Force has some bold plans for this school year.

Some quick comments:

1. Haley Fosnough continues to recover from her back surgery. Megan Ball is back at school after a trip to the ER with abdominal pains.
2. Nick Brown is taking an active role in worship as he is being mentored by the Praise Band. Gabe continues to develop his skills with the IT ministry.
3. The TASC Force is exploring mission opportunities to support.
4. A “runner” program is being developed to keep all members informed about LUMC life.

Calendar activities:

1. The youth will continue to assist with LUMC Community Meals.
2. The youth have been preparing meals on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Youth also will assist First UMC with their Saturday luncheons.
3. The youth will assist MUH with their Homecoming Dance in January, as well as provide a Midnight Breakfast during Finals week.

Fundraisers:

TASC Force is sponsoring a World Series Sub Sandwich sale on the first Sunday in November. Look for details in the church bulletin.

Youth are also putting together a spirit wear sale for LUMC.

Super bowl Sunday Sub Sale is coming early next year.

Our “Dollar-A-Day” program has resulted in one sponsor so far to support youth to attend United Methodist church camps next summer. A sponsor provides \$250/camper. Our goal is to send 10 youth to camp.

Extended Group: Fellowship of Christian Athletes group at Hamilton High School is being developed, looking for adult leadership.

Our Neighbors:

We are again sponsoring a Pep Club for the MUH Athletic Programs. All area youth are invited to be a part of the Pep Club, receiving free admission to all home volleyball, basketball, baseball and softball games, as well as a free hot dog and t-shirt.

TASC force Regular Meetings:

The Middle and High School groups are attending the Immersion Services the first three Wednesdays of October. They are learning the purpose of community worship while they continue to volunteer to do community service activities. Several youth attended a J-Zone field trip recently. Thanks to Bruce and Dawn for their staff team spirit during this exciting month.

Youth Director:

I recently provided pastoral support for church members. I will be on-call for Pastor Val during her vacation days and provide staff leadership during worship twice in November. Postcards/letters are being used to communicate with area youth, since phone calls and emails have not been the answer. A 1st Year Summary Report has been provided to SPRC.

**Dawn Trapp, Children's Ministry Director:
Children's Ministry October 2011**

Van Ministry

Thank you to Tim Crowe for the great sermon yesterday and for his emphasis upon serving at our church. As a result of his sermon, Mary M. has volunteered to be a part of the rotational list of drivers for Wednesday nights. We are now only lacking one more driver and co-passengers. I will no longer be driving the van on Wednesday nights, as of Oct. 12.

Pathways

We now have a rotational list of parent volunteers to assist with Wednesday nights. We continue to add children. Some difficulty with the Gospel Light curriculum, so I will be writing the material for the remainder of this year, at no cost to the church. I am exploring other curriculum for January for Pathways. The dinners continue with great rotational groups helping us out. We will be having a Halloween party on Oct. 26. Next Wednesday we will be passing out Bibles to 3rd graders who attend Pathways during the Immersion service and we will also be singing on Dec. 7 during the Immersion service. We will be inviting the parents to come and join us, so come join us that night to welcome our parents who don't attend a church, to make a connection with our church and perhaps they may start coming to our church.

KBAT

We continue to need teachers/helpers with Sunday mornings. Sis Rimer has volunteered to assist me as a helper for 2nd service KBAT.

J-Zone

We went to Niederman Farms with the youth group on Oct. 2 and had a wonderful time, thanks to Sis, Kathy E. and Chris Gorman for being our adult helpers. We all fit in the church van. Steve Hensley from First UMC has offered to drive the van twice a month for J-Zone. We continue to rotate between the three churches. We will be changing our Nov. 6 meeting with TASC due to the Charge Conference.

Other News

I will be attending a UMC Formational Event Dec. 1-4th in Columbus to explore my call between Deacon and local pastor. I will be gone on Oct. 30, my daughter is dancing in Peter Pan, but Karen F. and Lisa G. will be covering Children's Ministry that day.

Charlene Elam, Music Director:

Working with Pastor Val to schedule music. Choir is small, but doing a good job.

Bruce Dickerson, DTM:

I am sorry that I am not present at tonight's leadership team meeting, but I am attending a school event tonight for my daughter Abby.

Here are some notes from the past month and things coming up in the near future.

- I am currently preaching from Exodus and the Israelites in the Wilderness: Topics include Trust in God, Fear, Holy Fear, Next week we will learn about intercession and the Triune God being active in our lives.

- During the Stewardship Campaign we will be doing a series building on the Gospel Lesson for Sunday Morning. How to put the lesson into action in our lives.
- Immersion Activities outside of the service
- Immersion is preparing the meal for the Fourth Wednesdays for Pathways
- I attended the Synergy Worship retreat held by the Ohio River Valley District. Some of the new elements and strategies that were learned at the synergy worship retreat are being added into the immersion service (narrative Call to Worship, Order of Worship, focus on Metaphor)
We are also playing around with adding a time called Worship Prep, where music is played 10-15 minutes before worship. This allows people to come in and start to praise and prepare their hearts for the worship ahead. We tried this last night and will continue to formalize it more in the weeks to come.
- I have been meeting and will continue to meet with Pastor Val to discuss the Stewardship Campaign and Advent, designing the themes and planning some of the overall look as well as how immersion will fit in.
- Working on Starting a Bible Study at Miami Hamilton to start to build the College Age Community
- Practice with the praise bands for Immersion and Xperience will begin for Advent shortly
- Exercise, Evangelize, And Pray Program- I have pushed off to spring so that the concept and routes will be more polished.
- I met with the S.P.R.C. at the end of September to touch base with them on my current activities and what I had accomplished recently.
- I have been doing some visitation and pastoral care with members of the immersion service, some young adults, and their families.
- I have been active in both Sunday morning worship services as worship leader, staff participant, member of the praise band, preaching, and sharing in special music.
- I wanted to share that I did receive a grant from the conference for this year, for my seminary education. This will help bring down some of the loans for the year.
- The next prayer drive through will be held October 14, from 4:30-6:00.

A copy of this report has been sent to Pastor Val and Leslie to be recorded in the minutes.

Grace and peace, Bruce.

Outreach:

Sis Rimer- We will be involved again this year with “Trunk or Treat” at the courthouse on October 29 from noon -2pm.

Chalk for Bonwire UMC is ready to be shipped . Nancy Risner wrapped each box in bubble wrap for

protection .

Treat Street is now called Safety Zone, and will take place during Hamilton's Halloween on October 31. Canopies will be set up at the corner of Pleasant and Hayes. We will serve hot chocolate, cider and doughnuts (donated by the Methodist Men). Candy will be passed out to the kids. Stephen Ministers will have a canopy set up and provide prayer support. Dawn is creating flyers for St. Ann's and Linden Schools.

UMW:

Judy Nesselroad- Dine to Donate Event scheduled for October 17 at Bridgewater Falls Max & Erma's. We will receive 20% of sales to benefit our local charities.

Last year we contributed over \$1000 to local charities including \$300 to our Brothers Keepers fund, \$250 to Henderson Settlement. Otterbein Home and Hamilton Living Water Ministry also received donations.

Shut in Gifts will be assembled in November. Any group is welcome to contribute small items like lotion, soaps, etc. If your group wants to contribute, please call me so that we can coordinate our gifts. We usually make 25 bags.

UMM:

Dan Dennis reported that the fish fry was very successful.

Stephen Ministry:

Judy Nesselroad - Stephen leaders are working with Pastor Val to provide Membership Care and a Grief Ministry to begin in January.

Spiritual Vision Team: No Report.

Shepherd's Place Team: No Report.

Motion to adjourn made by Greg Albright, seconded by Sis Rimer.

Linda adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Hyland