

Lindenwald United Methodist Church

Leadership Team Minutes – September 12, 2011

Those Present:

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

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

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

Treasurers Report

Nancy Albright: August was another challenging month. We were in the red for \$927 before \$2000 was transferred from the Miracle Sunday fund to meet August payroll. Summer months are traditionally slow months for contributions.

We have received a gift of \$10,000 from the estate of John Stenger. Linda Teague will send a thank you note to John's family on behalf of LUMC and the Leadership Team.

Trustees Report

Mike Gossage, Chair: Trustees have decided to delay upper level floor stripping to a later date.

Mike showed the Leadership Team photos of steeple damage due to moisture. He has contacted more companies for quotes. One company, Steeplejacks, estimates that the total cost to repair the steel, as well as correct the moisture problem, will be \$27,750 and will take approximately 15 days. The cost to correct the water damage situation only would be \$22,350 and the cost to repair the steel only would be \$5,400.

Staff Parish

No report.

Nominations

The committee has started making calls to recruit for 2012 positions.

Finance Report

Ed Gebhart, Chair: Ed gave a PowerPoint presentation. Stewardship campaign will begin this fall.

Staff Reports

Senior Pastor, Val Waibel: Cluster Charge Conference is Sunday, Nov. 6th, 2011 at Jacksonville UMC with Rev. Brian Brown (our new OVR District Superintendent) presiding and sharing his vision.

See attached PDF file for complete report.

Pastor Dan Dennis, Youth Minister (Linda Teague reporting)

Daniel, Linda and the youth have painted the youth room.

The youth are now divided according to age. The 7th-9th grades meet on Sunday and the 10th-12th grades meet on Wednesdays.

Daniel continues working with Hamilton High's FCA group, which will hold meetings at LUMC.

The spaghetti dinner went well.

Daniel is still making connections with MUH.

Dawn Trapp, Children's Ministry Director:

Charlene Elam, Music Director: Choir practice has begun. 14 members attended, more are needed.

Bruce Dickerson, DTM:

Seminary Started; Classes Tuesday and occasional Friday

Office Hours staying the same: Monday and Wednesday 2-4pm; Day Off: Tuesday

Immersion service is growing, averaging 25 for the last two months. Stained Glass Stories of our Faith went well. Next series is a series about invitation.

Passed out 67 Thank You invite bags for the families that came to Summer Shine.

Classics for Christ went very well

Working on how to go about better reaching out and touching base with our neighborhood, including the young adults moving in.

Going to a retreat this Friday and Saturday at Anderson Hill.

Took Part in a student volunteer sign up at MU Hamilton and made some connections. I am looking at beginning a Bible Study at Miami Hamilton Campus (more to follow)
Midnight Breakfast happening in December

Prayer Drive Thru on Oct. 14; Last prayer drive thru went very well.

Joining PTO to make some connections

Not going to be here next month (event for Abby). Vacation October 20-23

Outreach:

Sis Rimer- 50 boxes of blackboard chalk for Bonwire UMC were purchased using the money from the

July Noisy Sunday collection. There may be enough money left over to pay for postage.

Treat Street will be organized as a safe place to take a break from trick or treating on Oct. 31. We will be offering hot chocolate, doughnuts and a place to rest and pray. We are going to use this as a chance to reach out to our community on a more personal level.

UMW:

Judy Nesselroad- Cookbook sales are going well. The books cost \$10 and are available in the church office or by contacting Cathy Daniels or Judy Nesselroad.

There will be a planning meeting for 2012 on Sunday, September 25 at The Holy Grounds Cafe at 1:15pm. All church women are invited as we consider UMW activities at LUMC. The menu is delicious and quite reasonable.

A fundraiser will held at the Bridgewater Falls Max and Erma's on October 17, 2011. Mark your calendars.

UMM:

Ray Kissinger- The fish fry is coming up the 2nd Saturday in October..

The men are donating 10 dozen doughnuts for Treat Street on October 31.

United Methodist Men are involved in providing Strength In Service guides for our military personnel.

Stephen Ministry:

Judy Nesselroad- Stephen leaders met with Pastor Val regarding shut-ins. We will be working through the Membership Care Team to determine congregational interest in caring for our shut-ins.

Spiritual Vision Team:

Greg Albright, Chair:

1. SVT continues our Monday, 6:30-7pm prayer time. Our Prayer Warriors continue to support us daily with intercession.
2. The "Listening for Heaven's Sake" church wide book study will begin on Sunday, September 18. There are seven different groups, meeting at various times and locations. Currently, there are approximately 55 folks signed up.
3. We are planning a dessert celebration at the end of the study on Sunday, November 13. David Ping, one of the authors, will be speaking to us.
4. SVT continues to pray and talk about "what's next?"

Shepherd's Place Team:

Ed Gebhart- The Shepherd's Place team is working on a presentation to other Methodist Churches in the area.

Motion to adjourn made by Sis, seconded by Bruce.

Bruce adjourned the meeting with prayer at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Hyland