

Castleton United Methodist Church
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Paul Bickle. Larry Burch opened in prayer.

Team members present: Larry Burch, Carole Craig, Paul Bickle, Jerry Robinson, Roy Byerly, Dorian Poole, Deb McCloud, Margo Ward, and Kim Paulus-Tauriainen. Pastor Bert Kite was present.

Minutes

Minutes of the Leadership Team for August will be approved at the November meeting due to technical difficulties with the Secretary's office equipment.

Craft Fair Recap (Margo)

Margo presented a written report on the Craft Fair which is made part of these minutes. Highlights included: (1) total receipts of \$3,072.45 from vendors; (2) expenses total \$588, including \$200 for music, \$100 for janitor, \$140 for snacks and stationary, and \$148 for permit and signage; (3) bake sale receipts are \$550. Craft Fair was advertized through 15 outlets. All of this was free advertisement. We do not charge for the booth space, but ask that a tithe on sales be given by the vendors. Vendors are also very appreciative of the snacks and hospitality room. Margo talked about the mission and outreach aspect of the craft fair and how it is celebrating our community. Net funds from the art fair will be used for missions/outreach and the artists are touched by God.

Financial Update and Extravagant Giving(Deb McCloud)

Receipts remain short of goal. Receipts for Castleton as of October 2016 are 89.7% of goal. Receipts through October 11 total \$1,324,105. Goal is \$1,476,000. We are \$151,895 below goal. The level of giving is \$88,928 behind for the same period in 2015. Staff continues to manage the level of expenses. Program/Ministries for nine months ending September had actual expenditures of \$206,027.59. This expenditure includes a variety of programs such as Live Nativity, Mission, Community Outreach, Faith Promise, Mission Trips, Loaves & Fishes, VBS, Children's Ministries, Youth, Adult Education, Congregational Care, Childcare, Committees, Gardens, Memorials, and Communications. Deb noted that E-tithe levels were \$28,000 in September.

Financial statements and income statements for September 30, 2016 were provided and made part of these minutes. Net operating income is a negative (\$157,318) for all entities. Deb noted that on a cash flow basis we remain positive when we add back depreciation because depreciation is a non-cash expense.

Larry Burch noted that giving of funds is important, but giving of time is also important. Leadership team shared about Stewardship which also includes your time, witness, presences, and prayers. Bert talked briefly about a theme for Stewardship: "Because you give, Castleton gives".

Wayne Derr has made the first attempt on the 2017 budget. Deb, Wayne, and David Ayers will be meeting on the budget. Their findings will be presented to the leadership team at November meeting. Final budget will not be approved by the leadership team in time for the Charge Conference on November 5. We will have a Stewardship Campaign in conjunction with In-gather Sunday in November.

Heritage/175th Anniversary of CUMC (Paul)

Rosemary Draga is heading up the committee on Heritage Sunday which will be on May 20, 2018. This is also the 50th Anniversary of CUMNS and the 25th Anniversary of the Endowment program. The committee will be asking for a budget of \$1,500 to \$2,000. Discussion ensued. Finance will have to confirm money is (or will be) available, perhaps from 2015 or 2016 Fish Fry funds.

Miscellaneous updates (Paul)

There is a water leak in the basement of the education wing that is being addressed. A meeting was held with the company that wishes to install solar panels on the roof of the church buildings. Full report is expected from Tom Schubert on the possibility of installation of solar panels at the November meeting of the leadership team. Sanctuary sound system has been fixed. Sidewalks are being repaired around the ministry center.

Roy Byerly reported that the Packing Party successfully completed 42,000 meals.

Charge conference will be November 5, 9:00 am, at St Luke's UMC.

Jerry Robinson closed the meeting with prayer.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned.

Next meeting is Tuesday, November 15, 2016 @ 6:30 pm.

Secretary: Jerry Robinson