

Leadership Team Meeting, February 16th at the Ministries Center

Present: Pastor Frank Beard, Pastor Billy Nickrand, Kim Paulus-Tauriainen (PT), Paul Bickle, Carole Craig, Margo Ward, Deb McCloud, Dorian Poole, Larry Burch, Tom Schubert, John Dinwiddie (Lay Leader), Paul Halverson (Lay Leader), Karolyn Edwards (Lay Leader)

Excused: Roy Byerly, David Ayers, Jerry Robinson, John Longworth (Lay Leader), Kristy Duff (Lay Leader)

Paul Bickle called the meeting to order at 6:34 P.M. and Tom Schubert opened the meeting with prayer over the joys and concerns expressed by those in attendance

Dorian Poole moved to approve the January minutes with Carole Craig seconding the motion; the minutes were approved on a voice vote.

Emergency Preparedness Manual/Training Update – Wayne Derr

With regard to an active shooter situation, there is a plan adopted from another UM church which is being adapted to suit CUMC's needs.

Currently CUMNS has plans for tornado, fire, and active shooter situations.

Once the manual is complete, probably in the March timeframe, then training will be conducted with first the ushers, then the Hospitality Committee.

As with any plan, surveillance is key and everyone is able to assist by keeping an eye out.

Still Waters Lease and Other Trustee Items – Tom Schubert

Family Life Center – no further work has been done. The kitchen in the back is not usable, but hope to have the work complete by June 30.

Still Waters Lease – there is a revised floor plan and a proposed revised lease; however, the revised lease is much more comprehensive and is extending beyond the scope of the letter of intent – will Tom be able to have movement on the lease before the next Leadership Team meeting?

Tom Schubert already has authority to negotiate on the lease as head of the Trustees.

The current proposed lease has a two-year payment provision; Tom will attempt to get that pushed back to one year.

Financial Update – Deb McCloud

We are behind in giving this year. In 2015, there were several large gifts at the beginning of the year which haven't happened yet in 2016.

At the March meeting, there will be another month of receipts and there should be a more complete idea of how CUMC ended the 2015 year.

Funding Request – Pastor Frank

Relating to the IN Delegation Jurisdictional Conference – the IN Conference had a shortfall in funding, would CUMC provide \$3000 to assist in making up that shortfall. Funds to come from the 2015 Fish Fry proceeds.

Tom Schubert moved to do so, Larry Burch seconded, and the donation was approved on a voice vote.

2016 Goals

Launch the Still Waters Satellite site at Eastgate – support Kathy Pellman in this endeavor.

Finish Family Life Center – Tom Schubert will create a list of activities/projects that need to be completed; hopefully the FLC will be complete in the first half of the year.

Endowment Committee – Wayne Derr met with Jim Long; still investigating the various accounts and where they are used; seek to promote endowment giving through estate planning.

Increase the volunteer base – Ministry Fair 2/21; the big charge – need to be creative and to grow the strong nucleus that already exists.

Future Worship Plans

There will be two services – 9 AM and 11 AM.

The hour between the services (10 AM) will be used for small groups.

We may lose some members in the transition, but we hope to gain members as well – the Leadership Team might be called upon to assist with the “whys” of the change and provide testimonials.

Many issues were discussed including concerns regarding the logistics (parking, Children’s Ministry, Student ministry) – the two service plan already has the approval of the Children’s Ministry and Student Ministry teams.

Want to maintain some momentum from the new life of Easter, but would wait until after Spring Break – proposed date for change is April 10th.

Dorian Poole moved to start the 9 AM and 11 AM services on April 10th, Larry Burch seconded, the motion was approved on a voice vote.

Cultural Competency/Awareness – Carole Craig and Margo Ward

A portion of the planned training was conducted, due to the time constraints the rest of the training will need to be conducted at a later date.

History and Records – Kim Paulus-Tauriainen

The 175th Anniversary Celebration of CUMC will occur on May 20, 2018, which is generally the Heritage Sunday.

Trustees approved the request to hang the handmade quilts on the wall in the Library

The request for additional funding for the committee was tabled until the committee needs the monies.

The next meeting of the Leadership Team will be March 15th at 6:30 PM at the Ministries Center
The Leadership Team will be serving at CMC the next day, March 16th.

Dorian Poole closed the meeting in prayer.