

LUMC CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES

FEBRUARY 11, 2015 – 7 p.m.

PRESENT: Janet Thompson, Nancy Flood, Robyn Roberts, John Slosser, Carolyn Goodin, Judy Stillman, Doug Cowden, Jan Davis, Sue Renno, Mark Emerson, Ginny Horner, Pastor Marylee Sheffer, Acting Chairman Pat Hershey, Acting Secretary Ginny Leavitt

Pat Hershey called the meeting to order with prayer, which was followed by the Responsive Reading of Psalm 139. Entering the Lenten season we shared some responses to John Wesley's question "How is it with your soul?"

CALENDARING – the present scheduled activity calendar was reviewed with the dates for VBS – June 22 -26, added. Issues raised were the possible conflict with Movie Night/Walters Memorial Service on Feb. 21. It was felt that we could work around this. Janet Thompson elaborated on the Palm Sunday Potluck Community Luncheon – bring a dish to go with Ham or Turkey. Palm Sunday is being tried rather than Easter Sunday. This is planned as a "simply elegant" event with similar advertising to last year – "door knockers" and flyers as well as eblast and bulletin inserts. Confirmation sessions will start on Feb. 22. Welcome and Evangelism is also planning a "New Members Class – this will be held on two Sundays after church, the first on "Being a Methodist", the second on "Being a part of LUMC". Children's Ministries will hold 3 Family Game Nights – March 22, April 9, and May 17. March 8 will be Lunch/Service Day – bagging rice and beans for Monument Crisis Center.

WINTER NIGHTS – Judy Stillman asked the Council if we wanted to host Winter Nights again this year – the consensus was yes, but since we are last on the list for scheduling the "dates to be decided". Judy also announced that she is attending meetings dealing with problems of poverty, and encouraged others to join her. The next one will be held Feb. 22 – 2 -5 p.m. Sue Renno raised the issue of our church doing more with social justice issues. It was suggested that she contact the Coons who are already heavily involved in Peace and Justice issues.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS

Lay Leader – absent

Finance – John Slosser, Chair, distributed Income/Expenses reports and pointed out that at the end of January income was above expectation, and expenses the same as expectations, so a good way to start the year. The 2013 audit has been received and a report, after careful study, will be forthcoming. Committees were reminded that all fundraising of any kind needs to be brought to Finance Committee for approval. There will be monthly financial summary reports in the eblast and bulletin (Jan. was in 2/11 eblast.)

Children's Ministry – Mark reported Parents' Night Out will be Saturday, Feb. 14. A service project for each month is being planned, to foster working together and for

helping others. There will be a Teachers' Dinner on May 3. The Ministry Team hopes to get a Vegetable Garden started and are working with Trustees on available space for this.

Joyful Beginnings – Carolyn reported the school is going well. She is leading lots of Tours for prospective students in the fall. An Open House was held in early February. Licensing made an unscheduled visit and Joyful received a positive report – no issues to be addressed. How to make their kitchen more effective is under discussion.

Worship – Jan Davis called attention to the Lent Bookmarks that give the schedule for the Lenten Season. She asked for volunteers to make soup for after the “Redemption at the Movies” being held on Saturdays. Worship is requesting Trustees to put lights on timers so the stained glass windows can be illuminated at night. They have also requested Trustees check on all outdoor lights, perhaps less harsh.

Service Team – Pat reminded the Council that we are scheduled for the Food Bank on March 28.

Women's Ministries – Nancy reported that Valentines were made/distributed for our homebound.

Outreach – Robyn said the her committee is concentrating on “Imagine No Malaria”. Finance asked her to meet/discuss distribution of previously made donations.

Trustees – Sue Renno reporting - Clean-up Day is March 21 – 9 a.m. to noon. People are being asked to sign up for specific tasks and to bring the necessary equipment for that task. Leslie will be evaluating the rear parking lot activity now that parking meters are in operation at La Fiesta Square. Contact the church office or Leslie if you have a problem parking, noting day and time. Opinions were expressed about the negative impact on the budget should we decide to discontinue the agreement this year, about ways to identify LUMC cars, etc. Thanks were expressed for all Leslie has all ready done to make the parking arrangement feasible.

Older Adult Ministry – Ginny reported the first event, with tea and cookies, is Saturday, March 7 at 2 p.m. Titled “Seniors – Living Alone Here and Now” – this will be an informal sharing session about living alone experiences, as well as an assessment of how this new ministry can best be of assistance to our older adults. Publicity will be in the eblast and bulletins, but we will also call the targeted audience.

Welcome and Evang. – Janet said that the committee looks at their events as Outreach – they are looking to address specific target groups like Joyful Beginnings and VBS. They try to address the question “what can we do for visitors”. They are investigating new sign-in sheets, and a “Welcome Kiosk” – a Welcome Center on wheels. They would like Church Council to take on one month of Friendship Time.

The Sat. Morning Men's Group will make the coffee each Sunday, thus lessening the Friendship Hosts' responsibility.

Stitch in Time – Ginny H. reported the next meeting will be Thursday, Feb. 19 and we will be making Afghan hats – knitted, sewn, or on the loop.

Endowment – Doug reported that 2014 was a successful year so grants will be available. More details will be available after the committee meets.

Men's Ministries – Mark reported that there is a men's breakfast with discussion and fellowship every Sat. at 8 a.m.

Mark also reported that there will be a TIE (Trust in Education) Benefit Concert at Acalanes on March 20.

It was noted that Leslie Murray was elected President of Trustees. It was asked that Henry Kim be recognized for his Trustee leadership.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Pastor Marylee.

Next Council meeting will be March 11 at 7 p.m.