

LUMC Church Council Minutes

March 11, 2015

Present: Doug Cowden, Mark Emerson, Nancy Flood, Beth White, Pastor Marylee, Leslie Murray, guest Joe Beaty, Karen Schroter, Substitute Chair, Judy Garvens, Acting Secretary Ginny Leavitt

Judy called the meeting to order with prayer at 7:07. She announced that Pat Hershey was in Florida.

Marylee led worship based on Lectio Divina and focusing on "Let Your God Love You" by Edwina Gately.

CALENDARING - several dates were added to the calendar - Women's meetings on March 19 (Easter Baskets) and April 2, M&M progressive dinner on March 20, and Ronald Sutherland's Memorial Service at Glide on Sunday, March 22.

CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER: Joe Beaty, our church photographer, was introduced, and he talked briefly about the oodles of pictures he has taken of church events, how he has been cataloging them for easy viewing, and his proposed future plans, which would involve a \$194 purchase of terabytes. Council expressed their gratitude for all Joe is doing, and Ginny, representing Finance, stated that there are available funds in Technology, #2356.

ENDOWMENT - Doug presented the application form for Endowments Grants, explaining the process, and the amounts available, \$2334 to Trustees for capital improvement or maintenance, \$1867 for church programs or special purchases, and \$500 for missions. For consideration, applications must be turned in by March 31.

SPRC - no report

TRUSTEES - Leslie talked about discussions going on with Main St. Properties in regard to the parking lot. They are working on a quote for striping. Trustees have secured a FREE dumpster for Cleanup Day. Barbara Levander has volunteered to plant pansies in the area under the Fireside Window before Easter. Chuck Murray is working with Atlas for furnace maintenance. Trustees are going to have a flyer available about the accomplishments of Trustees - where our \$\$ have been spent. If people see a need that needs to come to Trustees' attention, please email Leslie.

Older Adults Ministries - the Team was pleased with our initial event, Living Alone, and are pursuing getting some other activities going - main thought expressed at the session was a time to socialize.

WORSHIP - Marylee focused on the Seder Dinner plans for 6:30 on April 2, and the dramatic plans for Palm Sunday, as well as a reminder about the two services on Easter.

WOMEN'S – Nancy went into more detail about the March 19 meeting with lunch, a brief meeting, and then assembling the many Easter Baskets, to be picked up and distributed by Food Bank.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES – Mark said that the average attendance in the preschool class was 4, and 4-5 in the elementary class. The kids are in the sanctuary the first Sunday of each month, and that seems to be working. The goal of the ministry is to bring in and keep families by having regularly scheduled activities. They just completed a family project (4 families attending) of bagging beans and rice for the Monument Crisis Center with pizza afterwards. The kids have started a garden in paper cups. They will be transplanting to hay bales soon.

JOYFUL BEGINNINGS – the new director, Carolyn Goodin, has “settled” in and there is a good TEAM effort with the Staff. Two new members were added to the Council, Anjoli Ferguson, with our congregation, and Dana Marron, a JB parent.

FINANCE – Ginny reporting for John - in pledged income, we are off to a very good start. However, Ginny explained that we are reporting differently this year for financial reasons – in twelve equal months, rather than historically, and January, February, as well as November, December tend to be our strongest months. We just need to keep this in mind as we go through the monthly reports. Expenses are in line with expectations, so all in all, we are in good financial position to start the year. On the Balance sheet, she pointed out that Finance is working to “clean up” some of the accounts that have been sitting in the books for awhile – and get those funds to the intended use.

WELCOME AND EVANGELISM – Judy, reporting for Janet, said that greeting new people is “just a joy”, and the committee is working on doing a better job of “tracking” – if they come back, and how long before they come back. Lay teams of 2 are now visiting, with a welcome gift, hours after their first visit. Judy reminded us that there is a potluck community lunch on Palm Sunday. She also announced that staffing Friendship Time has gone very well. There will be a four session New Member Orientation after Easter.

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, April 8, 7 p.m..

ADJOURNED – 8:40 p.m.

Ginny Leavitt

Acting Secretary