

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 13, 2018

7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp  
Rae Leonard

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)  
Ed Labbe (Elder)

Cathy Melver\*  
Marian Wahl (Deacon)

### Opening Prayer

Approval of February 13, 2018 minutes

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

### UPDATES:

#### **Youth Education/Activities – Ed Labbe**

- Youth Vision Team – Next Meeting on 4/8
- April 13-14: Haven of Rest service project and lock-in at church – Need to plan soon.
- We may consider Youth participation in the Hunger Walk on May 6<sup>th</sup>.
- June 7: Kalahari Water Park
- Mission Trip – June 24-29 in Cincinnati via Group. Registrations went out.
  - Cost was approved by Session for up to \$3,000 out of Youth Fundraising fund.
  - \$100 out-of-pocket per participant. Planning for 10 youth and 2 adults.
  - Registration form was sent out this past week.
- Confirmation
  - 5 out of 10 sessions complete as of March 11.
  - 3 Confirmands: Brooke Jordan, Caden Labbe, Ryen Moorhead
  - Confirmation on Pentecost (May 20)
  - Mentoring: Pat Santelli is mentoring Ryen.
- We need someone to draw up a list of graduating high school seniors eligible for the Spaethe Scholarship. (We will also need a list of students graduating from college this Spring, so we can include all in the recognition of graduates.)  
Hannah Stutler and Sonya Lal are graduating high school this Spring.  
Lisa will follow up with Betsy Engels to see if daughter Joanna is graduating college this spring.  
Jon and Germaine will give names to Sean.
- Pat Santelli has requested a whiteboard for the Youth room (approx. \$300)

MOTION: Discipleship will cover the cost of a whiteboard on a frame + supplies (approx. \$300) Funds will come from the Youth curriculum and supplies budget line.

#### Adult Education - Rae Leonard

- Guided Tour through the Bible series –NT in Spring – Status  
Attendance between 12-16. Through Lent, the Gospels are the focus. After Easter the class will move to the later NT books.
- The Library Conversations group is working on *Parenting: A Sacred Path through Lent*.

#### Prayer Quilt Ministry – Marian Wahl

The quilters completed a quilt for newly baptized Cora Walston.  
Another will be given May 27 for the baptism of Sam Gilbert.  
The quilters are currently working on one for Roger and Martha Nelson.

#### Children and Family Ministries - Sheila Svoboda

- Tween event scheduled for Earth Day: Sunday, April 22, with Keep Akron Beautiful. The tweens will enjoy pizza at WPC after church, then walk to Hardesty Park, where they will clean up trash. Keep Akron Beautiful will provide gloves and guidelines about what to pick up.
- Parenting Speaker – February 25 after church, in conjunction with a luncheon - Review
  - Speaker: Andy Davis from Catholic Charities - member of the Summit County Opiate Task Force and a trained speaker for the speaker's bureau.
  - Nearly 60 people came to hear the speaker and share the soup lunch (10 crockpots of soup were donated—the amount was just right for this size group)
  - Need to ensure that remaining Pentecost restricted funds (\$538, minus expenses) and free will donations (\$42) get to the **Summit County Opiate Task Force Teen Section**.  
Ed will talk to Eileen and fill out a voucher to get a check cut.
  - We've forwarded the idea to Outreach to continue this relationship.
- A donation of \$3000 was recently given to support the Children's and Family Ministry. How we can use some of the funds to support children in worship? (worship boxes / bags)
  - Cathy pointed out that we have a couple of distinct age groups, so the boxes or bags should have different, age-appropriate contents.
  - Sheila circulated a proposal for expenditures for the nursery and preschool room. These would use a third of the funds. Items to acquire include a play loft (a mini play structure with slide and tunnel) for the toddlers, a safety mirror and dress-up clothes, as well as sturdy toys. (the following motion passed and has now been approved by Session: 'Discipleship Committee proposes purchases for nursery

room (\$939.00 + shipping), to be spent out of the Child and Family Ministry Projects Restricted Fund.’)

- Lisa will vet books from the new “Leaving My Homeland” series to see if they are something we could use in the tween program (and house in the WPC library so they are available to other children). These books about child refugees from many lands include volumes with Bhutanese and Congolese kids. Akron has a significant immigrant / refugee population from both countries. Paperbacks are \$9; hardbacks \$18.95.
- VBS dates: July 9-12, 2018. The theme is PARABLES. Sheila has gathered a team to construct the curriculum. We will use Godly Play materials / presentations as part of the program.
  - The organizing / writing team has had their first meeting.
  - 2 parables each on the first 2 days, 1 parable on each of the last 2 days
  - yoga each day
  - Deb Tondra, Kara Hoffman, Susan Shellito, and Sheila are writing portions. Denise will do music; Marian will organize food.
  - Sheila has written an article for the Script.
  - We will ask for food donations. (Ed will inform Session of the “ask”).
  - The floor replacement in the Sanctuary could have an impact on VBS, as Wright-Herberich hall will be set up for worship during June and July. **Discipleship requests that Wright-Herberich be made available for VBS if at all possible. (Request to Properties Committee)**

### Church-Wide Discipleship events

- Cathy is sending out information via e-mail about when and where interested members could meet during Lent to gather at local Friday fish fries.
- St. Patrick’s Day Party – 3/17 5:30-8:00 in coordination with Deacons, who oversee food
  - Bulletin and Sunday Updates- 2/25 thru 3/11
  - March 4 bulletin insert
  - Ed did Minute for Mission on 3/4
  - Pulpit Announcement – 3/11
  - Connection Point, Marquee, Janitorial
  - Coordination with Deacons for the food (Marian Wahl taking the lead, as our liaison with Deacons). Raphael is in charge of menu.
  - Sheila put out a sign-up at the Connection Point—58 have signed up.
  - MacConnera Irish Dancers – they will arrive at 6:30.
  - The dance floor is in place
  - Cathy and Marian will help Sheila with decorations on the Saturday afternoon of the event.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Eberts Lecture – Alex Sider: Ministering to those with disabilities (Sunday, June 3)

- He will give the sermon during the service.
  - Like the Feb. 25th luncheon speaker event, we will have the Eberts Lecture after the 10:30 service. Summer services will be delayed until the following week.
  - Jon has contacted the speaker about this and he agreed with the parameters.
  - We will pattern food after the Opioid Crisis speaker (except in lieu of soup we will ask for donated salads to go along with sliced meat and rolls provided by Discipleship).
- Output from Time and Talent Stewardship Team
    - Lists for follow-up for Sheila include VBS Volunteers, Tween Event Volunteers, Bible Story Teacher and Children's Ministry Committee.
    - Ed shared Youth Event Volunteer list with Sean.
    - We also have Library Volunteers - Cathy to follow-up?
    - PW Circles and Eye Opener Bible Study?

## NEW BUSINESS

Setting a date for the 2018 Ice Cream Social:

--It was held on Aug. 12 in 2017. For this year, **August 18<sup>th</sup>** looks like the best possibility, due to the floor project in the sanctuary earlier in the summer.

--Suggestions for a performer, ideally someone with an interactive approach: Hal Walker (a music educator)? Sheila knows of someone who combines music and animals. Pat Santelli might have ideas.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – April 10, 2018 @ 7 pm