

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 9, 2018

7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp  
Rae Leonard

Sharon Easterling\* (Youth)  
Ed Labbe (Elder)

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)  
Marian Wahl\* (Deacon)

### Opening Prayer

Approval of November 14, 2017 minutes

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

### UPDATES:

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

- Youth Vision Team – Meeting on 1/14 at 5 PM
- Young Endowment Fund for Youth Programs will pay up to \$3,200 for Sean Williams of Ministry Architects to continue as Youth Coordinator through June 10, 2018 (School year).
- December 10: Christmas party – Review  
Youth and their friends had a good time.
- February 4: Super Bowl Subs sale – Admin team is planning
  - Moment for Mission will be given on 1/21 by Natalie Labbe
  - The Youth started taking orders last Sunday and will continue through January. The subs will be made on Saturday, Feb. 3 for pick-up on Sunday, Feb. 4.
- April 13-14: Haven of Rest service project and lock-in at church
- June 7: Kalahari Water Park
- Mission Trip – Tentatively June 24-29 in either Cincinnati or Indianapolis
- Youth calendar brochure designed by Cindy Beidler has been published. Copies are available at the Connection Point.
- Confirmation
  - 10 session Schedule starts January 21 (Jon has circulated a calendar, as the weeks are not always consecutive.)
  - Confirmation on Pentecost (May 20)

- Mentoring: The committee's feeling is that individuals should be approached, rather than asking for volunteers. Parents will be consulted concerning 'fit' between their confirmand and possible mentors. Mentors will receive guidelines. 3 confirmands, probably. Lou Albertson a possible mentor. Ministry Architects reminds us that mentors will need to have a background check.
- We need someone to draw up a list of graduating high school seniors eligible for the Spaethe Scholarship. Is this a task for the Youth Admin team? (We will also need a list of students graduating from college graduates this spring so we can include all in the recognition of graduates.)

#### Adult Education - Rae Leonard

- Advent Series – Recap  
6-10 people attended the sessions.
- Kate Clark and Pastor Jon leading Psalms class in January.  
6 attended the first session.
- Guided Tour through the Bible series –NT in Spring (starting in February)  
Series restarts in February
- Prayer Quilt Ministry – (Marian Wahl)  
The quilters are working on a quilt for Jim Shriner.

#### Children and Family Ministries - Sheila Svoboda

- Advent Workshop – December 3, 4:30–7:00 – Recap  
Typical numbers attended (40-45)
- Christmas Pageant – December 17, 10:30 - Recap  
Well done!
- Ice Skating and Children's Museum – January 7, 3:00-5:00 – Recap  
25 people braved record cold for the event.
- Tween Service Event with Good Neighbors
  - Rescheduled for January 27, 1:30-4:00
  - The tweens will return to church for pizza and Game Night. Sheila and Lisa will make pizza while the tweens are at Good Neighbors with Margo Works and Mike Grau.

- Parenting Speaker – February 25 after church, in conjunction with a luncheon.
  - Speaker: Andy Davis from Catholic Charities - member of the Summit County Opiate Task Force and a trained speaker for the speaker's bureau.
  - Funding comes from the Pentecost restricted fund (\$538), but speaker is free, so other than food for the luncheon, we will donate these funds to the Summit County Opiate Task Force Teen Section. We will also solicit donations at the event (in conjunction with Outreach).
  - We will have a banner made to advertise the event to the public. Germaine will send a press release to the local papers as well.
  - Jon should (did?) send an e-mail out to area Presbyterian clergy.
  - Sheila will do a write-up for the Script.
  - Sheila or Ed will do a Moment for Mission (Feb. 4? 11?)
  - Childcare will be needed for the event.
  - Planning for the lunch:
    - 11:30 lunch, with speaker starting around 12:00-12:15
    - Soups: we will ask people to bring crockpots of soup.
    - Discipleship will provide crackers and rolls / bread / veggies / dessert
    - We will need round tables set up.
    - Clean-up crew needed.
  
- A donation of \$3000 was recently given to support the Children's and Family Ministry. Sheila asked the committee to consider how we can use some of the funds to support children in worship.

#### Church-Wide Discipleship events

- Game night scheduled for Saturday, January 27, 4:00-6:00.  
Lisa will give a Minute for Mission on Jan. 14 to advertise. The event will also appear in the bulletin and will hopefully get a shout-out from the pulpit on the 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Sheila and Lisa will make pizza.
  
- Lenten Yoga – cancelled (originally scheduled for 2/17–3/24)  
We will take a hiatus this year, given that the committee is stretched thin and we won't have adequate coverage for opening / closing the sessions.  
Sheila will get it off the calendar
  
- St. Patrick's Day Party – 3/17 5:30-8:00 in coordination with Deacons, who are in charge of food
  - Bulletin and Sunday Updates- 2/25 thru 3/11
  - Minute for Ministry – 3/4
  - Pulpit Announcement – 3/11
  - Connection Point, Marquee, Janitorial
  - Coordination with Deacons for the food (we will ask Marian Wahl to take the lead on that, as our liaison with Deacons)
  - Irish Dancers – Sheila will call
  - We will need to have the dance floor muscled out of the basement...

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Eberts Lecture – June 2-3, 2018 –
  - Alex Sider: Ministering to those with disabilities – Start Planning.
- New Discipleship member(s)  
Efforts to recruit a new committee member have not been successful to date.
- **New Time and Talent Stewardship Team** is surveying the time, talent and interests in our congregation early in 2018. We are needed to help create a survey form listing our activities and volunteer needs.
  - help with party planning and execution
  - baking / cooking for events
  - work with children
  - organize an outing for adults
  - help organize Lenten yoga series
  - help with Vacation Bible School
  - help with clean-up after events

## NEW BUSINESS

## OTHER BUSINESS

Annual report and Script articles are due on 1/17:

Articles for Opiate Task Force Speaker (Sheila); Adult Bible Study (Rae); St. Patrick's Day Party (Ed); Confirmation (Jon)

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – February 13, 2018 @ 7 pm

(Sheila will be out of town)