

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

July 10, 2018

7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)

Cathy Melver

Rae Leonard

Ed Labbe (Elder)

Marian Wahl (Deacon)

Opening Prayer

Approval of June 12, 2018 minutes

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

### UPDATES:

#### **YOUTH EDUCATION/ACTIVITIES – Ed Labbe**

- Youth Vision Team – Met on June 21 to talk about short-term and long-term plans.
- Sean’s “term” expired in June. Session approved beginning a search for a part-time Youth Coordinator with potential starting date as early as September. Sean is assisting with search resources. Youth Coordinator is expected to take over Admin Team/ role in its entirety as well as oversee the Vision Team. Jon and Ed need to meet to brush up the job description that Sean provided. It will then go to the Personnel Committee.
- Youth Vision Team terms will soon expire. We are working through nominations for replacements, including current members of the Youth Admin Team. It looks like we have Natalie Labbe, Kacey Yates-Gable, Scott & Celeste Vollmer and Gregory Works. We are looking for one more and are soliciting Kara Hoffman, Mallory Gray and Jamie Willis as parents of near future Youth. Pat Santelli will be considered if they all pass, as will, Jenna Reid.
- Mission Trip – June 24-29 in Cincinnati via Group.
  - Six youth and two adults attended.
  - It was a success.
  - Some of the theology was a bit Fundamentalist.
  - Laurel and Natalie will write a Script article about it.

#### **ADULT EDUCATION - Rae Leonard**

- Fall / early 2019 classes planned:
  - September (from Rally Day on): Rae will teach a series on where the Bible came from (authors / contexts). The series will run for three or four weeks, depending on whether WPC invites the missionary from Ukraine to speak to the adult class

on the last Sunday of September. Rae will do a bulletin insert to publicize the classes (late August).

- October – November: “God Saves His People” – a consideration of the many times in the Bible where the people strayed and God was steadfast.
- December: Jon proposed a series built around the book *A Dog in the Manger and Other Christmas Stories*.
- January: Jon will teach a series centered on the book *Always With Us: What Jesus Really Said About the Poor*. The book has been recommended to all churches by the co-moderators of the Presbyterian General Assembly.
- February: Jon proposed a series on Mormonism.

### **PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY – Marian Wahl**

No new quilts at present.

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES - Sheila Svoboda**

- Parenting Speaker – 2019 (reminder that it’s never too early to start considering the program...)
  - This year’s Pentecost donation (May 20 offering) could go toward the event if the topic is appropriate.
  - One possibility: make the Godly Play training a double-header: one day of training for the Sunday School teachers + a session with parents on how to support their children’s spiritual development in the context of the Godly Play curriculum / approach. The last two weekends of March 2019 are possible dates. Sheila will work on finding a trainer.
- \$3000 donation given to support the Children’s and Family Ministry. Continued discussion on how we can use some of the funds to support children in worship.
  - Sheila is looking into new materials for children to use during the summer services in Wright-Herberich Hall. A bookcase and worship boxes are in the planning stage.
  - Many general ideas have been brainstormed for ongoing dialogue: Godly Play and Bible Story “kits”, Library acquisitions, Youth Choir robes, Tween needs.
  - Cathy mentioned that the library is lacking in books for pre-teens and teens. Lisa will vet recent books on refugees. Cathy mentioned that there might also be library funds to apply to such purchases. The Library Conversations Parenting Group could also suggest some titles.
- VBS is Now: July 9-12, 2018. The theme is PARABLES. We are using Godly Play materials / presentations as part of the program.
  - 2 parables each on the first 2 days, 1 parable on each of the last 2 days
  - Denise and Laurel are doing music; Marian is organizing food.
  - 54 children are attending, which is more than in previous years.

## CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS

- Event for March 9, 2019: Congregation-wide, ALL AGES TALENT SHOW AND CHILI CONTEST. This will be in lieu of the St. Patrick's and Mardi Gras events of recent years.
- Ice Cream Social: August 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-8:30
  - Laurel Labbe has worked through details with Hal Walker (a music educator).
  - We will pay a \$200 honorarium (same as last year)
  - He will perform from 7:15-8:30.
  - Marian will organize the ice cream.
  - We will need to put an article in the next Script. Marian will write it.
  - There will be a Moment for Ministry on 8/12. Ed will cover the early service, Lisa the late service.
  - We will need Damon to set up long tables on the patio entrance (for the ice cream) and a few chairs on the patio. In the event of bad weather, the event will be held inside Wright-Herberich Hall.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Output from Time and Talent Stewardship Team
  - Sheila has followed up with potential volunteers for VBS Volunteers, Tween Event Volunteers, Bible Story Teacher and Children's Ministry Committee.
  - Cathy will lead in refreshing the library. She put out a call for volunteers to help (probably scheduling a work day in early fall—winnowing the collection first, then asking for donations of specific titles). Several people have shown interest (Harriet Chapman, Sophia-Louise Zito, Shirley Warner, Becky Harlow, Polly Fisher).
- Ed published the Discipleship activities calendar for July 2018 - June 2019 on June 27. (Along with the event dates, this included Minutes for Ministry, collections, bulletin inserts and pulpit announcements)
  - We will have two Rally Days this September:
    - 1) **September 9: Rally Day** kick-off for education and programming  
Sheila will do a Minute for Ministry on August 26 to promote this Rally Day. Discipleship is inviting groups in the congregation to have a representative and materials about the group (like past 'Presbyterian Pandemonium' displays) (We will aim for a simplified format—probably without the appetizers that were served in the PP's). Sheila has sent out an inquiry to church group leaders and has received favorable responses so far from a number of groups.  
Ed will bring the event up with Session so we can be sure no groups are left out.
    - 2) **September 23 or 30: Music Ministry Rally Day.** This Rally Day will welcome our new Director of Music and promote the various musical opportunities and ministries at WPC. Originally planned for Sept. 16, it will be

held on September 23 or 30, whichever is Alcee's first Sunday. Ed invited the Choir to have a table at our Rally Day/Pandemonium.

Stacy Franzman will give a Minute for Ministry to announce the music Rally Day.

- Claudine Schooley has asked Discipleship to consider sponsoring a talk by missionary Nita Hanson, who runs God's Hidden Treasures, a ministry to disabled people in Ukraine. The proposal has also gone to the Outreach Committee. Ms. Hanson would be available on Sunday, September 30, 2018.

Discipleship discussed the possibility of asking Ms. Hanson to speak to the adult education class and considered having a free-will offering for the mission.

We will talk more after the proposal has been discussed by Outreach. Jon will follow up with Outreach.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – August 14, 2018 @ 7 pm