

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 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 January 9, 2018 minutes

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

UPDATES:

Youth Education/Activities – Ed Labbe

- Youth Vision Team – Met on 1/14
- Sharon Easterling will be stepping down from Discipleship. She has a conflict on our meeting nights and also feels that a member of the Youth Admin Team might be a better fit than one from Visioning.
- February 3: Super Bowl Sub making and Snow Tubing
 - Raised ~\$400 net
 - 10 youth made subs and 9 went snow tubing – All went well
- April 13-14: Haven of Rest service project and lock-in at church
- June 7: Kalahari Water Park
- Mission Trip – Being planned for June 24-29 in Cincinnati via Group.
- Confirmation
 - 10 (non-consecutive) session Schedule started January 21
 - 3 Confirmands: Brooke Jordan, Caden Labbe, Ryen Moorhead
 - Confirmation on Pentecost (May 20)
 - Mentoring:
Lou Albertson and Mike Grau are mentoring Brooke and Caden, respectively. Jon will follow up on suggestions for Ryen.
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. (We will also need a list of students graduating from college graduates this Spring, so we can include all in the recognition of graduates.) Hannah Stutler is graduating high school this Spring. Jon and Germaine have been in contact with Sean from Ministry Architects to give him the names.

Adult Education - Rae Leonard

- Kate Clark and Pastor Jon led Psalms class in January - Recap
- Guided Tour through the Bible series –NT in Spring - Series restarted in February with 15 people at the first session. Participants have expressed their gratitude for the ‘big picture’ approach.
- The Library Conversations group is working on a book through Lent.

Prayer Quilt Ministry – Marian Wahl

The quilters completed a quilt for Jim Shriner.

Children and Family Ministries - Sheila Svoboda

- Tween Service Event with Good Neighbors
 - January 27, 1:30-4:00 – Recap
 - Event went well, and the tweens returned to the church afterward for pizza and game evening.
- Tween event scheduled for late April, with Let’s Grow Akron. Walter Hayes is working with the group to define the most appropriate project.
- 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 and the cost of the banner, we will donate these funds to the **Summit County Opiate Task Force Teen Section**. We will also solicit freewill donations at the event, putting baskets on the tables (in conjunction with Outreach). Ed got the ‘ask’ okayed at the last Session meeting. Jon will ask Germaine to print some slips of paper to put in the baskets, identifying where the donations will go.
 - Publicity:
 - The banner is up outside to advertise the event to the public. Germaine sent a

press release to the local papers as well.

--Jon sent an e-mail out to area Presbyterian clergy.

--Sheila did a write-up for the Script.

--Ed did a Moment for Mission (Feb.11)

--We need to get the flier on the WPC Facebook page. Pat Santelli will put it on his Facebook as well. Cathy will put it out to the West Akron mom's group she's in.

- Childcare is lined up for the event.

- Planning for the lunch:

--11:30 lunch, with speaker starting around 12:00-12:15

--Soups: A number of people have signed up to bring crockpots of soup.

--We will need people to serve the soup.

--Discipleship will provide crackers and rolls / bread / salad or veggies / dessert

--Sheila will pick up the salad, rolls, crackers, and paper goods as necessary.

--We will do pitchers of water and lemonade, and Jon will ask Becky to stay after church and help with beverages and clean-up.

--We will need round tables set up.

--Clean-up crew needed – we will ask Third Sunday dinner volunteers who know how to run the dishwasher.

--Germaine will attend the event and will be in communication with the speaker about his tech needs.

- 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.

Approval by session will be necessary. Ed will take it to Session.

Motion:

Discipleship Committee proposes purchases for nursery room (\$939.00 + shipping), to be spent out of the Child and Family Ministry Projects Restricted Fund.

Church-Wide Discipleship events

- Game night was Saturday, January 27, 4:00-6:00 - Recap
Good turn-out, with mostly tweens and children. Adults came and socialized, but few played games.
- Lenten Yoga – cancelled (was scheduled for 2/17–3/24)

- Cathy suggested fostering informal fellowship during Lent by encouraging congregants to gather at local Friday fish fries (the Willises have organized this in the past). Cathy will send out information via e-mail about when and where interested members could meet.
- 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
 - Minute for Mission on 3/11. Ed will do. Jon will confirm with Germaine.
 - 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). Ed will contact Marian.
 - Sheila will put out a sign-up at the Connection Point.
 - Irish Dancers – Sheila called and lined up. \$150
 - We will need to have the dance floor muscled out of the basement. Ed is tasked with recruiting muscle power on the 11th.
 - Cathy will help Sheila with decorations on the Saturday afternoon of the event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Eberts Lecture – Alex Sider: Ministering to those with disabilities (first weekend in June)

- He will be giving the sermon during the service, or services, if the summer early service has started.
- If the Feb. 25th luncheon speaker event works well, perhaps we should use that as a model for the Eberts Lecture. Other possibilities: a lecture Sat. evening and one Sunday after church, or a Sunday lecture and another on Monday.
- Jon will contact the speaker about the possibilities and his availability.
- New Discipleship member
We welcome new committee member Cathy Melver!
Jon will reach out to Kyra Bosnik.
- Output from Time and Talent Stewardship Team?

NEW BUSINESS

VBS dates: July 9-12, 2018. The theme is PARABLES. Sheila has gathered a team to construct the curriculum.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ed sent Annual Report to Germaine
Closing Prayer
Next meeting – March 13, 2018 @ 7 pm