

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING

March 14, 2017

7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp

Rae Leonard\*

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)

Denise Howell\*

Margo Works (Deacon)\*

Kimberly Cheng\*

(\* not present)

Sharon Easterling\*

Ed Labbe

Marian Wahl

### Opening Prayer

Approval of February 21, 2017 minutes

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

### UPDATES:

- I. Youth Education/Activities – Kimberly Cheng / Sharon Easterling
  - Confirmation Webinar idea was forwarded by Jon.
    - “Confirmation: Equipping children, parents and congregations for the journey of faith” on Tuesday, Mar. 28 at 2 p.m. ET
      - For \$29.95, up to six participants can participate in the live webinar and will automatically receive access to the online video replay after the presentation.
      - Absent other information or input, and given the short turn-around time, the committee did not recommend purchase of these materials.
    - Kimberly will present suggestions re confirmation from her previous church at the next meeting. Some of them go in the same direction as the webinar, i.e. they treat confirmation as a process that includes the whole congregation.
  - Youth Ministry Design Team
    - Sharon will give an update at our next meeting.
  - Bell Choir T-Shirts – Parents purchase
    - Denise Howell will give an update at our next meeting.
  - Upcoming Events: Youth Sunday (March 26), Hunger Walk (May)
  - Mission trip this summer at New Wilmington (PA) Mission Conference (7/22-7/29).
    - Several families have committed.
- II. Adult Education - Rae Leonard
  - 10 Commandments thru Palm Sunday
    - 14-16 attending most weeks.
  - Jon is leading Lenten Sunday Evening study based on Adam Hamilton's "The Way: Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus." (March 5 – April 9). Devotional book included. (Soup) dinner before each session.
    - About 10 people have attended the first sessions.

- 40 quotes for the 40 days of Lent
- Sunday School after Easter update  
Jon will include info in next Script for post-Easter classes.

III. Prayer Quilt Ministry - Marian Wahl

A quilt will be put up for Ed Labbe's mother, who broke her hip and had surgery.

IV. Children and Family Ministries - Sheila Svoboda

- Nursery Renovations –  
The painting is done.  
The carpenter who is to make the cabinets has put the work on hold (for personal reasons). In the meantime, the nursery is fully functional.
- Godly Play Training Event – Emily Griffith – March 3-4  
The workshop was well-attended, with 22 participants, 14 of whom came from various churches in Akron, Medina, and Cleveland. Participants from other churches contributed \$75 each for the workshop. That \$920 covered the cost of the workshop.
- Popcorn popper for Tweens – Missing part update  
The carpenter working on the nursery cabinets will make the part.
- Tweens 2/25 at Good Neighbors  
7 tweens volunteered for this event that is a natural extension of the children's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday food collection. Adults Margo Works, Sheila Svoboda, and Kimberly Cheng accompanied the tweens and helped with the can sorting.
- Lent in a Bag – this program is underway
- April 22 10-12: tween event scheduled with Let's Grow Akron.
- 2017 VBS – Beatitudes (7/10-13)  
Volunteers have met with Sheila for initial planning and division of tasks.
- Summer activities for the children's program:  
Sheila would like to do one fun, family-oriented outing during the summer. Some possibilities include a zoo trip, a hike at the Naturealm, or the dragon-boat race on Portage Lakes.  
(Post-meeting update: the Dragon Boat Festival is July 8, 2017, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Portage Lakes State Park. It is free to spectators. There will be food vendors. The park has picnic areas. For families who might want to extend the fun after the Dragon Boat races, there is a swimming area on Turkeyfoot Lake.  
More information on the time of the boat races is pending (if they run throughout the scheduled time, our group might want to meet in the late morning / noon).

- Information item from Sheila:

The woman who runs the local Farmers' Market contacted Sheila to inquire about the possibility of parking privileges. The Thursday market (4:00-7:00) will now be at the park near us on Exchange St., instead of in Highland Square. The manager wants to know what they could do for Westminster in return for the requested parking.

Sheila has referred the request concerning parking to the Properties Committee. In the meantime, Sheila proposed a quid pro quo idea: a Westminster booth at the Market with activities for children.

#### V. Church-Wide Discipleship events

- Lenten Yoga (Sheila/Lisa) – March 4 – April 8 (Saturdays)  
12 participants at each of the first two sessions, about 1/3 of whom are from the congregation.
- St. Patrick's Day Party – March 18, 2017 (5:30-8:00) - Irish Dancers at 6:30 PM
  - Advertising on the marquee. Ed will send an e-mail to Germaine.
  - Sheila is Coordinating decorations with Deacons
  - 2 pieces of dance floor in basement – Moved upstairs on 3/12. Muscle power will be needed to put it in place on Saturday and take it back downstairs on 3/19.
  - Anne completed Building Use form for Properties.
- Ice Cream Social – August 12, 7:00-8:30?
  - Margo has been in touch with Jack Kelly who heads the Big Band that provided entertainment last year and was told that after checking with his band, this year they will charge us \$250/hr because they no longer use Westminster as their practice venue.
  - Sheila mentioned looking into an African drummer who has done a children's program at the Highland library. She will send information on to the committee.
  - Jon mentioned that Walter Hayes and James C. Gray are in bands.
  - We need to correct the date for the pulpit announcement on the church master calendar as well as setting dates for bulletin and Sunday Updates.
  - Question: would it come out of Deacons' budget or Discipleship's? Normally, food would come out of the Deacons' budget. Event entertainment costs would be a gray area, perhaps covered by Discipleship's line "Church Programs: Education and Discipleship." Last year ice cream was paid for by Discipleship. Sheila will research which budget line was used to cover the expense.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

#### NEW BUSINESS

Preliminary church calendar for 2017-2018 due on April 3.

- Review last year's calendar for this year and make updates for June 2017-May 2018.

- VBS July 10-13, 2017
- Labor Day 9-3-17
- Rally Day 9-10-17
- Halloween Party 10-28-17
- Presbyterian Pandemonium 11-12-17
- Advent Workshop 12-3-17
- Christmas Pageant 12-17-17
- Ice Skating Jan. 7, 2018
- Lenten Yoga Feb 17-March 24, 2018
- St. Patrick's Day Party March 17, 2018
- Easter Egg Hunt April 1, 2018
- Teacher Appreciation May 20, 2018
- Memorial Day (5-27-18) (Discipleship sponsors the children's activities; Deacons take care of the meal)
  
- Eberts Lecture – Jon has reached out to a theologian but has not yet heard back. Last year the committee discussed moving to an every-other-year schedule for the Eberts program, due to low attendance in 2016. It is getting late for an event to happen this year, so we will aim for a 2018 event.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Budget review/discussion
- Script articles due 3/15 at Noon

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – May 9, 2017 @ 7pm