

## DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2017

7:00 p.m.

### Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp (excused)  
Anne Karney  
Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)

Denise Howell (excused)  
Rae Leonard  
Kimberly Cheng

Sharon Easterling  
Ed Labbe  
Marian Wahl

### Opening Prayer

Approval of January 10, 2017 minutes – approved

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

### UPDATES:

- I. Youth Education/Activities – Kimberly Cheng / Sharon Easterling
  - February 4, 2017 – Super Sub Sale –
    - Successful event – the youth made \$790 (profit); 12 youth attended
  - Sunday School –
    - Change in end date for Sunday school: May 28<sup>th</sup> to be consistent with children, youth, and adult education
  - Youth Ministry Design Team – Recruiting and coordination update?
    - Met with Administration team with Shaun; 2 existing members are going off the committee and 2 – 3 new members are planning to join
    - Vision team – 4 members – Sharon Easterling, Kimberly Cheng, Phil Keller, Elsbeth O'Connor – 3 year commitment
  - Bell Choir T-Shirts – Parents purchase – Still in process of ordering (getting pricing)
  - Upcoming Events: Youth Sunday (March 26), Hunger Walk (May 7), Senior Recognition (June 7)
  - Mission trip being considered for this Summer with JOSHUA Program in Steubenville.
    - Don't know how many youth would be interested & deposit is due very soon for Steubenville.
    - Looking into possibly doing Canfield, OH (Urban/Rural) mission trip or New Wilmington (PA) Mission conference (July 22-29 at Westminster Collage) instead
    - Kimberly is going to send an email to youth parents to see if there is any interest
- II. Adult Education - Rae Leonard
  - 10 Commandments thru Palm Sunday
    - Attendance has been good - 13-14 every Sunday
  - Jon, Sheila, & Rae met to discuss adult Sunday School after Easter –
    - There have been topics brought up during 10 Commandments that they haven't had the time to discuss in detail
    - Considering discussing current issues such as capital punishment, capitalism, poverty, immigration/refugees, euthanasia, abortion, etc. relate it to Biblical themes; challenge people to listen and discuss these topics
    - Will need to moderate so the discussion doesn't get too political/heated and make sure people are respectful of other's opinions

- Potentially bring in doctors, attorneys to discuss legal, medical decisions/implications
- Jon will lead 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 various aspects of Jesus' life
  - Haven't advertised yet - need to put it in bulletin and Sunday update – Jon will take care of that; possibly put it on the sign as well
  - Jon will order several copies of the book and ask for contribution from attendees
- 40 quotes for the 40 days of Lent

### III. Prayer Quilt Ministry - Marian Wahl

- Still working on quilts – let the group know if you know of anyone who needs a quilt
- Gave out 14 quilts last year (7 adults, 7 babies)

### IV. Children and Family Ministries - Sheila Svoboda

- Nursery Renovations – Painting on Feb 12,
  - Painted; cabinets are being built (slightly behind schedule); animals will be painted on walls
  - Renovations are being paid for by a gift to the church (not in budget)
- Godly Play Training Event – Emily Griffith – March 3-4
  - Coming together; many people from outside the church are coming
  - Friday night – open to public; numbers keep growing; crock pots of soup are needed (March 3) Anne & Marian will provide a pot of soup
- Popcorn popper for Tweens – in the room but missing a part; will be fixed soon
- Upcoming Events:
  - Tweens 2/25 at Good Neighbors – 6 kids going (+ 2 parents and 2 teachers)
  - Lent in a Bag – Kickoff on 3/5 – getting all the bags together
  - 2017 VBS – Beatitudes (7/10-13) – first meeting this Sunday (Feb 26) after church with teachers and planning group

### V. Church-Wide Discipleship events

- Lock 3 Family Skate Event – January 15 – Successful event
- Lenten Yoga (Sheila/Lisa coordinating) – March 4 – April 8 (Saturdays); teacher is booked; worked it out with Properties committee

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- St. Patrick's Day Party – March 18, 2017 (5:30-8:00)
  - Deacons & Sheila are handling decorations
  - Advertising – was in Script; Anne will email Germaine to make sure it also gets in the bulletin and Sunday updates
  - Sign up at Connection Point – Done
  - Added to Church Calendar

- Janitorial – after discussion with the committee, we determined that we don't really need janitorial staff to be there (Jon or Sheila can lock up the church); Jon will coordinate with Arthur and Toy to let them know that we no longer need janitorial that night
- Sheila procured the Irish Dancers for 6:30pm
- Very heavy dance floor found in basement – will need brute volunteers to move
  - Only need 2 sections – moving on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> (need a couple more people to help)

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Will discuss church calendar next month
- Eberts Lecture – Jon will discuss with a local contact and committee will discuss in March – last year the committee discussed doing this every other year due to low attendance in 2016.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

- Youth office renovations? (Sharon) – Sharon talked to Sharlene regarding ideas for youth office renovations
  - There is not an immediate need for the renovation
  - Some ideas for when it is renovated: add a refrigerator & microwave; would like new countertop; need to move safe out of the room; would like to paint cabinets (or remove them)
- Sharlene Santelli authored the Annual report for 2016
- 2017 Budget review/discussion

Closing Prayer

**Next meeting – March 14, 2017 @ 7pm**