

**Brecksville United Methodist Church
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting
March 3, 2008**

Present: Kay AuWerter Bob Lundholm
Sue Dietrich Ruth McDonel
Lisa Drew Joy McGuire
Jenny Gee Karen Oehl
Janet Kleckner Stacy Parker
Craig Kotnik Alan Scheufler (Transition Task Force)
Don Krolikowski Jennifer Schneider
Dave Lienert Carol Wilson (Transition Task Force)

Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of February 4, 2008, COM meeting approved as corrected: Under “2008 Budget,” bullet point should read, In “light” of the \$52,000 shortfall . . . (not in “lieu” of).

2008 Budget

- Janet Kleckner reminded COM members that although the deficit has been reduced somewhat, committees should continue to curtail spending.

New Church Start

- Karen reported that the new church start opportunity is “up in the air” pending a more fully supported Conference funding plan.

Transition Task Force (TTF)

- Alan Scheufler, TTF Chair, presented TTF Recommendations (copies distributed to COM members for COM review and approval (additional copies may be provided by COM to respective committee members)
 - “Reason for being” – Expose children at early age to worship experience; offer more adult education opportunities on Sundays
 - Two biggest challenges – Tight classroom space and parking
 - Hospitality Team – New concept
 - Need to recruit Team members (greeters, ushers, “people movers”); may need to involve lay leadership
 - COM will discuss more fully at next meeting
 - Sunday School transition throughout the building – Need emergency contact information for all children in Sunday School
 - Need to assemble marketing group to roll out plan
 - Beginning Wed., March 5, TTF will meet with marketing/publicity team; Don Krolikowski, Dave Lienert, and Stacy Parker will respond to emails sent to publicity@brecksvilleumc.com
 - TTF will remain in place for additional 9-12 months following implementation of plan to offer advice/field questions
- COM moved/accepted TTF Recommendations as presented

Ministry Team/Committee Reports

United Methodist Women -- Ruth McDonel

- Hot cross buns for sale on Palm Sunday, March 16
- Speaker from West Side Ecumenical Ministry at next UMW meeting on March 6

Missions – Craig Kotnik

- 2008 funding allocations: Missionary in Philippines, Berea Children's Home, Kairos Ministry

Koinonia – Jenny Gee

- Square dancing – Approximately 35 persons attended
- Spaghetti dinner/dulcimer event – Sat., April 19 (approx. 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm); goodwill donation

Education – Jennifer Schneider

- Maundy Thursday Communion Workshops on March 20, 6:30 pm-7:15 pm, culminating with Maundy Thursday service at 7:30 pm in Sanctuary
- Teacher Appreciation Sunday – May 4
- Vacation Bible School – June 23-27
- COE has been meeting twice/month to work through TTF issues

Gifts & Memorials – Stacy Parker

- Next meeting Thurs., March 6, 7 pm
- Trying to develop “line of sight” for funding required to support BUMC needs; will entertain small dollar requests even when budget dollars are stretched

Worship -- Sue Dietrich

- Need volunteers in order to continue coffee hour after second service during months of March (Worship Committee will handle), April, and May; looking to COM committees for “people” support

Church & Society – Dave Lienert

- Program on depression set for April 21 (presented by Cleveland Clinic doctor)
- Discussing avenues of better visibility in promoting BUMC program offerings to wider community (e.g., postings in local newspapers, at other churches and assisted living/nursing home facilities)

Evangelism -- Bob Lundholm

- Continue to distribute bread and welcome bags
- Bob and Doug Huth attended Feb. 23 seminar at Windermere UMC (presented by Rev. Chris Martin) -- Ministry of Ushers & Greeters in the Local Church (making church more welcoming and hospitable); will inquire about bringing this worthwhile seminar opportunity to BUMC

Trustees – Kay AuWerter

- Installed 10 automatic magnetic door closers to operate in conjunction with fire alarm system
- Aligning contractors for renovation project (to begin in April) -- Goal to finish Sanctuary renovation by June; office areas could take longer

Staff ReportsLisa Drew

- Music with a Mission program on March 7 almost sold out
- Easter Sunrise Service will begin 7:09 am at Blossom Hill

Joy McGuire

- Music Board – Comprised of 9 persons (including Joy); first meeting will be held Tues., March 11

Karen Oehl

- Reminder – Move clocks ahead 1 hour this weekend

Next Ad Board meeting: Mon., April 7

Next COM meeting: Mon., May 5 (7:30 pm in Parlor)

Pastor Karen closed the meeting with prayer.

Linda Rollins
COM Secretary