

**Brecksville United Methodist Church  
Council on Ministries (COM) Meeting  
June 2, 2008**

**Present:** Lisa Drew                      Joy McGuire  
              Janet Kleckner                Karen Oehl  
              Dave Lienert                    Betsy Wooster  
              Bob Lundholm

Chairperson Janet Kleckner opened the meeting with prayer.

Minutes of May 5, 2008, COM meeting approved as written.

**2008 Budget**

- Janet Kleckner reported a shortfall of ~ \$32,000 in the Operating Budget. Projected Capital Campaign Budget deficit is also ~ \$32,000, only if Gifts & Memorials funds the projection system. Additional fund-raising ideas still in progress to help reduce these deficits.

**Remodeling Project** (Lisa Drew for Karen Oehl)

- Demolition of all areas almost finished
- On track for June 25 remodeling completion of sanctuary; decision not yet final on sound & projection system equipment (1 screen/1projector vs. 2 screens/2 projectors)

**Ministry Team/Committee Reports**

Church & Society – Dave Lienert

- Jim McBride has accepted position as new Chair of Church & Society

Evangelism – Janet Kleckner (for Bob Lundholm)

- Continue to support usual ministries
- Ministry of Ushers & Greeters in the Local Church (presented by Rev. Chris Martin) will be held at BUMC on Sept. 20 (10 am-noon); suggest that Hospitality Team captains attend this worthwhile training class

Education – Betsy Wooster (for Jennifer Schneider)

- Confirmation reception (w/cake & punch) held on May 18 following 9 am service
- COE will meet on June 4 to review fall transition items

**Staff Reports**

Lisa Drew

- Cedar Point outing cancelled due to low interest
- Youth Annual Conference – Seven youth attended, accompanied by Lisa and Matt Auble
- Planning continues for YSP trip July 13-19
- Tentmakers Leadership Conference in August – Steve Vastartis will attend as work project leader
- Gearing up for fall Sr. High Sunday School program; need teachers
- Youth room renovation approved; Lisa shared paint color and carpet samples with COM members
- Program for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders to be combined with CMAP
- Lisa asked for continued prayers for Lindsay and Swazo/Ecclestone family following untimely death of Lindsay's stepmother

Karen Oehl

- Hospitality Committee – Jeff Schillo suggested organizing this new Committee using “captain approach,” which has been successful for BUMC ushers
  - Captains to attend Worship Committee meetings – Heighten awareness of worship needs and facilitate specific activities on any given Sunday
  - BUMC staff and Worship Committee responsible for recruitment and sign-up of captains
  - Implementation of program to be handled by respective captains (1 captain each Sunday);
- Meeting with new confirmands and parents will be held Sun., June 8
- Nominating letters have been mailed to prospective committee members; some responses already received
- Summer worship begins June 8 (one 10 am service); additional 8:30 am casual outdoor services will be held on June 15, June 29, July 13, July 27, Aug. 10, and Aug. 24

Betsy Wooster

- Room 301 unused space (adjacent to kitchenette) – Assessed by COE members Ken Wise, Kathy Decker, and Marc Vincent for potential remodeling due to need for more small group discussion classroom space
  - Youth Room contractor will bid on this project (sanctuary contractor declined to bid due to small size of job)
- 6th grade Sunday School program will be geared toward middle school; therefore, Spirit Kids will incorporate 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders
- Hired Kathy Goebel for part-time work (beginning this fall) to assist in Crib & Toddler Room

Joy McGuire

- Contemplating design of music for new fall services
- Summer choir will meet a few times
- Recent staff retreat very successful – Quality time spent in meditation, fellowship, and planning (completed through June, 2009)

Next Ad Board meeting: Mon., July 7

**Next COM meeting: Mon., Aug. 4 (7:30 pm in Parlor)**

Janet Kleckner closed the meeting with prayer.

Linda Rollins  
COM Secretary