

Council on Ministry Meeting, December 1, 2008

Attendees:

Janet Kleckner (chairperson), Pastor Karen, Lisa Drew, Joy McGuire, Betsy Wooster, Dee Lancaster, Jenny Gee, Catherine Vastartis, Ruth McDonel, Nancy Knowlton

Janet began the meeting with a prayer at 7:37PM.

The minutes were approved with the following corrections:

1. the Koinonia Hayride scheduled for October was cancelled due to weather rather than disinterest (although there was not a large sign-up)
2. the Advent meeting was held on 11/19 not 11/29
3. the garage sale netted \$4300 not \$1300

Committee Reports as to events/activities in Advent

**UMW** – Ruth McDonel

The UMW will host a Christmas brunch on Th, 12/4 at 11:30AM to be followed by a musical program presented by Craig

The Soup Sale netted \$910 – there are 10 pints of chili left in the freezer for sale  
Ruth asked for and was granted permission for the UMW to place a basket on the Coffee Hour table to help defray costs (at this point UMW is losing money on the Coffee Hour coffee)

The Cookie Walk Fundraiser will be held Sat, 12/13 from 10:00AM – 2:00PM in Fellowship Hall – cookie donations are needed and will be collected Fri, 12/12, or early Sat AM

Spirit Kids are making the chocolate dipped pretzels for the Cookie Walk on Sun, 12/7, With some help from UMW members as well as Spirit Kids advisors

**Evangelism** – Dee Lancaster

Greeting cards are being sent to special care parishioners  
New member reception will be 12/14

**Mission** – Catherine Vastartis

15 bags of food have been taken to Brookside and more food is in the boxes to go  
The Yuletide program is being sponsored by the city of Brecksville – all gift tags have been taken - gifts are due on 12/8 - packing is scheduled for 12/9 from 1:00 to 4:00PM

The list is full for the trip to The Cleveland Food Bank on 12/13 – packers will leave the Church at 9:00AM

Sign-ups will begin 12/7 for the 1/31 trip to The Cleveland Food Bank

Christmas offerings will be divided between The Free Clinic in Cleveland, Red Bird Clinic, Inc., an out-patient clinic in Appalachia, and Mother and Child Survival, a Global project to provide seed money and community based primary health care  
The Knitting Ministry is off to a good start – about 20 people have signed up - the Ministry meets in the Youth Room at 7:00PM - this month it will meet on

12/2 and 12/16 – discussions will be held to decide definite meeting dates for the new year

The Simpson Church Toy Sale will be held on Sat, 12/13 – participants will leave the Church at 9:00AM ; set-up will be Fri, 12/12, from 3:00-5:00pm – participants will leave the church at 2:30PM

**Christian Education** – Betsy Wooster

Advent Service will be 12/3 at 7:30PM

**Youth Ministry** – Lisa Drew

The Senior High and Junior High Christmas Party will be 12/21

The Lay Leadership Academy was discussed at his time – it is a leadership conference for the NEOhio District – it will beheld on 2/7 from 9:00 AM-3:00PM at Lakewood UMC – Sally Dyck will be the speaker –all are encouraged to attend

**Old Business**

Pastor Karen shared the following financial information:

Pledges are still coming in

Pledges are slightly above average

At this time Les thinks we will **not** have to consider this a deficit budget

The budget will be presented at Administrative Board on 1/5/2009

12/22 at 7:30PM was set up as a “tweaking” date (if needed)

**Committee Reports** (not related to Advent)

**Youth Ministry** – Lisa Drew

The Youth Room is done

Quest continues to go well as judged by student attendance and parent comments

The Rock-A-Thon will be held on Sat 12/6

**Christian Education** – Betsy Wooster

New Adult Education classes will be offered for Jan and/or Feb

Pastor Karen will be teaching a Discipline IV class

Notification of the above will be by e-mail and bulletin

Betsy shared that a new family to the church commented that they had

Church shopped and chose BUMC because of the great Nursery program

**Music Ministry** – Joy McGuire

The Advent and Christmas Choirs are coming along well

The Music Fundraiser will be 1/9/2009 on the Cuyahoga Valley Train – it will be an evening of food, entertainment, music, door prizes, and an open bar – tickets are \$75 per person (all inclusive) – sales begin Sun, 12/7 – arrangements are being pursued to provide free babysitting in the families’ homes - this money will be seed money for a Concert Series to be offered by the Church to members and the community

There will be no scheduled Council of Ministry meeting in January. The next meeting will be 2/2 – Administrative Board will meet on 1/5/2009 (as previously noted)

Pastor Karen ended the meeting with prayer at 8:29PM

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Knowlton  
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