

Council on Ministry Minutes, June 1, 2009

In attendance:

Janet Kleckner (chairperson), Don Krolikowski, Lynn Hobzek, Donna Sibits, Lisa Drew, Nancy Knowlton, Pastor Karen

Janet called the meeting to order at 7:37 P.M.

Janet offered an opening prayer

The spelling of "Cathy Buttolph's" name was offered as a correction to the March minutes.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

The addition of the phrase "outside BUMC" was offered as an amendment to the service Commitment sentence in the May minutes. The minutes were approved as amended.

Old Business

A reminder was made as to the 2010 service commitment. There will be a Ministry Fair in January. Don suggested that this service commitment be 1. tied-into the Strategic Plan with a reminder to the church, "Am I meeting the Mission?" Janet and Karen said the service commitment is tied more directly to the Mission of the Church. Karen added we will need an accountability measure.

2. Janet brought up a question as to the two (2) year rotation for chairpersons as discussed in March. Karen responded that at this point she is more interested in filling the committees than finding chairpersons at this point, but that committees are aware of the goal of moving to the two year rotation.

New Business

1. Nominations: The first wave of letters has been mailed. Phone calls are to start this week (June 1-6). The focus of the letters was to fill committees, not find chairpersons. Some committees will be decommissioned for the 2010 year. One such committee is Koinonia as its mission overlaps Lay Ministry. Youth Board was also suggested as a retirement as some of its work should be covered by Staff & Parish. A suggestion was made to Church & Society to be decommissioned, but they had already begun plans for the 2010 year. Consequently, the committee has agreed to have less members in 2010.

2. The UMC has recommended a change to one Board rather than a COM and Ad Bd as we have at this time. A discussion and suggestions followed. Suggestions included having both COM and Ad Bd meet on the same night; having one quarterly meeting per group; having minutes to all committees (save Staff & Parish and some Finance) available on the web site without a log in to expedite meetings.

3. A pre-presentation is planned for a marketing plan to grow the Church.

Committees:

1. Worship - Lynn Hobzek

The 8:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. services start Sunday (6/7)

An effort is being made to recruit more ushers so ushering at one service rather than two can begin in the fall.

2. Youth - Lisa Drew

Katie Bartholomew is interning this summer

Internet access has been added to the Youth Room. The room is being locked to avoid problems.

Cards have been sent to college and high school students in regards to summer Sunday School. It will meet on the Square (weather permitting) and last for one-half hour.

3. Missions - Donna Sibits

The next trip to the Food Bank will be 9/26

The committee will meet again in August

Two trips have been made to Habitat for Humanity. There might be another Trip in September

The committee has awarded scholarships for mission trips to Stephanie & Ian Roberts and Steve & Tiffany Wuerth for Costa Rica and Bruce McCrodden for Russia.

Les Buttolph wants the group to look into Nehemiah here in Cleveland

4. Communications - Don Krolikowski

Don reported "the same old same old."

5. Pastor Karen

Lisa, Janet, Karen Libby, Jenny Gee and ten students will attend Annual Conference.

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Next COM meeting is Aug 3.

Next Ad Bd is July 6

Karen offered a closing prayer.

Janet adjourned the meeting at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Knowlton