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Council on Ministries - December 14, 2009

In attendance: Lynn Spencer, chairperson; Karen Oehl, pastor; Nancy Knowlton; Skip Smith; Amy Hazelton; Craig Czarnota; Ruth McDonel; Catherine Vastartis; Jenny Gee

Lynn called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.
 She shared several, short devotions

Lynn presented an agenda with short, committee summaries.**See attached

2009 summary of goals & accomplishments**Mission**

- addition of Costa Rica as a mission, continued Honduras & Russia
- more work with Brooklyn UMC
- plans made for Mission Fair

Education

- committee is now concerned as to attendance #s

2010

Lynn wants to see a growth in spirituality

*Craig spoke to this from the **Evangelism** Committee; he related it to the Contagious Christian class; ALPHA program - 12 to 15 sessions - involved sessions which involve food, music and discussion -on January 26th the committee will have an introductory meeting - hope to begin a pilot in April/May/June or fall

*encourage Emmaus

* Karen wants us to look for ways to build leadership skill

Fellowship opportunities

- a potluck is scheduled Jan 3rd after the second service
- Chili cook-off is scheduled by Jan 16th
- Music with a Mission is coming up
- continue this momentum during the year
- first Adult class will be a coffee hour
- * Ruth would like to see even more opportunities for larger, group fellowships
- Jenny thinks it is important to keep record of what works and what doesn't
- work on being intentional about inviting people to events
- Craig suggested increasing the new Evangelism concept of faith friends to the entire church

- Jenny wanted to know how/if invitations given out at church might help attendance
- we agreed to hit the Project 2010 kick-off intensely

Lynn wants us to work on developing our inner faith as Christians

- Jenny suggested we add faith growing to social activities

New Business

Skip had a sign-up list for cooking chili

Chris Oehl thinks running at Flat-Rock would be a good idea

A spaghetti dinner before a local marathon race ?

Announcements

Two co-presidents at UMW (Sandy Crist & Ruth Hermann)

UMW's Soup Sunday is Jan 24th at the Project 2010 kick-off

Ad Bd is Jan 11th at 7:30 P.M.

Next COM meeting will be Feb 8th

Craig ended the meeting with prayer

The meeting ended at 8:37 P.M.

**** Committee Reports Council on Ministries**

Evangelism: WORKS IN PROGRESS-

- 1. A WELCOME TABLE AT ALL BUMC EVENTS WHEN VISITORS ARE EXPECTED.**
- 2. A WELCOME BROSHURE.**
- 3. FINISHING UP "CONTAGIOUS CHRISTIAN" STUDY.**
- 4. ALPHA STUDY FOR 2010.**
- 5. "FAITH FRIENDS" PROGRAM SET UP FOR NEW MEMBERS, MAY EXPAND FOR CURRENT MEMBERS.**
- 6. NEW MEMBER POTLUCK ON JAN 3RD.**
- 7. PROMOTE OUTSIDE FAITH EVENTS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH.(EMMAUS, CHRISALIS, SPIRITUAL DIRECTION, PRAYER, ETC)**
- 8. CARDS AND VISITS TO SPECIAL CARE PEOPLE.**

Missions Committee Report to COM for December 14, 2009

Cleveland Food Bank - Saturday November 21, 2009 we took 20 People to sort food, including 3 people from Orchard Path Church. Our next scheduled date is Saturday January 23, Lisa will be taking Youth along with adults.

Brooklyn Memorial Dinner – Sunday November 22, 2009 we took 15 volunteers to serve dinner. We served approximately 150 people, their were enough left overs so that many also took home food. We are scheduled to serve next on Sunday February 21, 2010.

Brecksville Yuletide Family – Our church family provided approximately 35 gifts for the five children and \$150 in gift cards for the parents.

Westside "Angel Families" – Our church family provided eleven families, 21 children with approximately 80 - 100 gifts. That Marge Webb, Catherine & Donna delivered to West Side Ecumenical Ministry on Detroit Ave. in

Cleveland.

Toy Sale – Saturday December 12, 2009, we teamed up with Westlake United Methodist Church to provide donated Toys and Toys purchased by Pastor Karen. Twelve member of our church helped set up and sell the toys. We sold Toys at a much-reduced price to about 36 families with approximately 150 children.

Brookside Center – we continue to take food, about 25-30 bags were delivered on December 11. As always, they were very appreciative. The deadline for Holiday Food is December 20.

Christmas Offering will go to Werner United Methodist Church on Martin Luther King Dr. in Cleveland, to support their “building a 21st Century community center/church building”. Unalaska United Methodist Church for Operational Expenses, they offer ministries to children, fish processors and fishing crews. And Liberia Church, East Ohio Conference Mission trip

Project 2010 – coming up on January 24, 2010! We have about 25 organizations planning to come with information and sign ups. We have asked that a short synopsis of volunteer opportunities be e-mailed to missonsbumc@gmail.com, ASAP. Don will be putting together a booklet that we will distribute that day. We still need to talk with the UMW as to how the Soup will be incorporated that day. Our next planning meeting will be January 13 with a January 20th meeting if necessary. We will be asking for help the day of the event from our church family.

Communications:

- **Christmas Advertisement in Sun News Worship Directory**
- **Audio Sermons posted to website 11/18, 11/25, 11/30, 12/8**
- **Praise music posted to website Evan Croy 11/18 and Michael Jaszczak 12/8**
- **Had meeting with Melanie Smith regards the posting of Good Word articles to the web**
- **Also discussed using an interactive calendar on the website updated from Melanie's computer which will allow real time current event dates on the website calendar throughout the year.**
- **Calendar will begin in January**

COE and the Education Department

COE has been busy planning the **Christmas Eve Family Worship Service** (5p.m. on Christmas Eve). We have our “cast” for the Christmas story and costumes are washed, repaired and being distributed. Liz Fredrick took time during this busy season to sew 4 great new shepherd costumes. Our cast includes:

Monica, John and Brandon Klipfell as Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus (we do mean baby!!! Brandon will be only 5 weeks old on Christmas Eve.

Grace Ford as our angel

The Louttit family (Eric, Kathy, Megan and Sarah) as our shepherds

Gil, Sam and Paul Philips as our three Wise Men

We will have Russell Slifcak and Amanda Auble as our readers

The CMAP choirs will sing at this service.

Vacation Bible School curriculum has been ordered and is being reviewed. We will hold an organizational meeting sometime in January. VBS will be June 21 to the 24 this year.

The **Third Graders will be receiving their Bibles** on January 10, with a cake and punch reception in the Parlor to follow. They will move into 8 weeks of Bible study and then culminate their studies on March 7 with a children’s led

worship service.

CMAP Update

During the “discussion” portion of CMAP we usually spend time talking about the readings that they will be hearing on the following Sunday. The kids perform skits, mock interviews, make posters or write poetry as they learn more about each bible story. During the month of December we took a shift and began thinking about service to others. The kids have written Christmas cards to members of our church who are limited due to health or age. They have made 24 center pieces for the tables at Chippewa Place and will go caroling there next Wednesday. They are also the group spearheading the hat and mitten tree this year. You will notice their posters around the church. They are a great group of kids that are excited to serve others.

Staff report: Rev. Oehl

Staffing was the biggest item on my plate for the month of November. It was great to welcome Melanie Smith to the office, Jeff and Scott Hastings to our building, and Chris Toth to the organ in the middle of November. The Staff Parish has also decided to move forward on looking for a full time Director of Christian Education instead of making any staffing changes at this time. The job will be posted on the web site and with different school and church organizations

Music Committee Report
December 14, 2009

2009/2010 Concert Series

Completed performances:

ETA³ Saturday, October 3, 2009

- 70 people attended

Manhattan Piano Trio Saturday, November 14, 2009

- 150 people attended

BUMC also hosted the Brecksville Center for the Arts community Christmas concert which was, as always, very well attended

Remaining performance:

Chorister’s Guild Festival –Concert at BUMC on April 24, 2010

Christmas Music Sunday

Sunday, December 20, 2009 will celebrate the 4th Sunday in Advent with string quartet and special music from our Christmas choir. We will be collecting for a special designated offering to help support the various BUMC music programs.

Music with a Mission

Scheduled for Friday, February 26, 2010 More information to follow.

Next Fundraiser

The music committee is in the planning stages for the next fundraiser to be held on Saturday, September 11, 2010. The venue and theme have not yet been confirmed. More information to follow.

