

Minutes

Council on Ministries

September 13, 2011

In attendance: Lynn Spencer, John Dietrich, Karen Schroedel, Lynn Hobzek, Cristy Schumaker, Joy Fenton, Pastor Clark, Alan Scheufleur, Bev Huber and Jen Gee

The meeting was opened at 7 PM with a short devotion from the Upper Room devotional book and prayer.

August minutes were reviewed and approved with the spelling correction of Cristy's name.

A reminder was given to all committees that the **Good Word deadline** is Friday, September 16th. The deadline is typically the third Friday of each month.

UMW is requesting volunteers to provide bakery for the bake sale during the garage sale on September 17th. Items can be dropped off at the church.

Mission Fair: Some brainstorming was done:

- a theme of "Widening the circle of God's Love" was suggested by Cristy.
- Focus should include mission/volunteer opportunities with the church as well as extending to the community, nation and world.
- It was discussed that we could take the opportunity for the congregation to include on the pledge card "prayers, presence, gifts and service".
- It was recommended that in the letter to various organizations, to ask if they would follow through with the volunteer. Some felt that although they may have expressed an interest in an organization, some were not contacted after the initial mission fair event.
- Communication tools could include: messages on the sanctuary screens, bulletin inserts, save the date post cards (possibly one that a child could color and parents put on the refrigerator). the Good Word articles, email blasts, posters for classrooms and announcements at church services.
- Concern was expressed that the 2 previous Sundays will be Christmas Day and New Years Day with likely low attendance
- Lynn Spencer and Lynn Hobzek will form a subcommittee to get things rolling
- Resources from the last mission fair will be utilized. Note: Both Donna Sibits and Catherine Vastartis are willing to assist in the planning.

Long Range Planning was initiated and Lynn will send list to Joy. Joy agreed to review and update list with staff members.

- January 8 Mission Fair
- January 16th Martin Luther King Day (no school)
- ?Chili Cook off (Lynn will check with Skip)
- January 22 and 29th Fifth grade rite of passage
- February 5th Communion
- February 20 Presidents Day (no school), Chrysalis boys weekend (Saturday to Monday afternoon)
- February 22nd Ash Wednesday
- February 25th Beach Ball (school fundraising event)
- March 9th OMEA contest for youth, Central school variety show
- March 23rd Music with a Mission (no school)
- April 1st Palm Sunday
- April 5th Maundy Thursday service
- April 6th Good Friday service (not at BUMC)
- April 8th Easter Sunday
- April 9th week is spring break for Schools
- May 13 Mothers day
- May 20th confirmation
- June 3rd Volunteer pancake breakfast
- ?Graduation Sunday
- ?UMW Sunday
- June 15-17 Youth Annual Conference
- June 18-21st Annual Conference
- July 8-14 YSP

- July 16-20 VBS
- ?Add dates for adult education and rotation Sunday school starts

Coffee hour: Pastor Clark expressed that coffee is a service to the church and provides hospitality to all who come. It is an important function of the church and should not be the responsibility of an individual or two. A suggestion was made to have each committee of the church sign up for a month and assume responsibility for coffee. Coffee hour can also be an opportunity for the committee to tell the congregation about what they do (can do poster, article?). Refreshments are optional, but always welcomed. An instructional guide will be provided to each group. September is already taken care of. October/ Youth, November/Worship, December/Education, January/Missions, February/Music. Additional committees to be included could be UMW, Staff Parish, Trustees, Finance and Gifts and Memorials. This is not an inclusive or exclusive list.

Next Meeting is November 8th at 7 PM

October 11th is **Administrative Board** at 7 PM

Committee Reports

Music:

- The music committee is planning to hold a tailgate event in the church parking lot (or Fellowship Hall, in case of rain) and show the OSU @ Nebraska game on a big screen as a fundraiser. This event will take place on Saturday, October 8th. Participants would not be charge admission, as per Copyright law, but we could accept donations, and food/snacks would be available for purchase. Thus far, we have secured a popcorn machine on loan for the event, as well as a snow cone maker. We will be bringing in a couple of large grills for hamburgers and hot dogs and selling soft drinks and water. We would also like to have a movie and possibly games available in Fellowship Hall for younger children. We will be asking for volunteers from our Middle School kids to help coordinate those activities and supervise the children on the evening of the event.
- CMAP and Middle School Choir resume on Wednesday, September 14th.
- Chancel Choir, Handbell Choir, and High School Ensemble all start on Thursday, September 15.
- The city wide Brecksville Choir Festival has been cancelled.
- Joy Fenton and Chris Toth will perform a free concert in the sanctuary on Saturday, November 19th at 7:30 pm.

Worship

Worship report - At our August meeting we set our goals for 2011-2012. The following were discussed: get more youth involved in our services during the coming year; make use of the paraments we have; continue to ring bells before services.

A processional cross has been built by Les Buttolph with wood saved from the sanctuary renovation. Worship will ask Les to write an article about the cross for the Good Word/bulletin

Youth Board:

Utilizing online Sunday school curriculum for a cost savings

Working on organizing youth contact information

Events coming up: High School Kick off 9/11 and Middle School Kick off on 9/18.

7/8th graders planning pumpkin picking

Youth to attend a free concert, Shine Bright Baby on Aug. 21st.

Education

COE tasks completed:

- Conducted Rally Day sign-ups (Aug 28 and Sept 4)
- Chose Sunday School offering mission
- Science Room brainstorming
- Third Grade Bible Sunday and reception – September 11th

Education Department completed:

- Child Protection Training frequently conducted throughout August and September. Trying to approach the training on a one on one or small group plan instead of a large group.
- Planned for the Middle School Fall Kick-off Picnic Aug. 28
- Confirmation Orientation meeting for families and letters sent out.
- Lined up mentors for confirm ands
- Wrote curriculum for Bible Unit kickoff for rotation kids on their first day Sunday school September 11th

- Met with 1st graders and their parent's orientation to Rotation Sunday School.
- Curriculum ordered for 8 and 9-12.
- New curriculum for Sprouts
- E-blast for parents of kids 3 years-12th grade.

Upcoming Events

- CMAP will resume Wednesday September 14th (with parent meeting)
- Children's Worship Sunday October 30th
- History Group
- Donations of school supplies to be shipped.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Spencer