

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL'S CHURCH HALL MEETING
SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
February 11, 2018—2pm**

Our Mission: Inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving Carlisle and beyond.”

- I. Welcome prayer, Pastor Jim VanZandt
- II. Opening remarks, Kerm Leitner, chair
- III. Updates from Pillars and Areas of Responsibility
 - A. CONNECT, Debbi Goeltsch
 - 1. Yoga class starting in April.
 - B. Facilities, Jeff Boley.
 - 1. Leadership Council is now looking for a facilities manager of the present CUMC church building with Rich Charette retiring in May.
 - 2. Jeff Barnes is coordinating the new SGC facility.
 - C. Finance, Wayne Henderson.
 - 1. We paid 100% of Shares of Ministry in 2017.
 - 2. At the end of January 2018, CUMC received 45% of the three-year pledged amount for the Capital Campaign,
 - D. GROW Adult, Christina Benson & Roger Woods
 - 1. 105 worshippers are involved in small groups.
 - 2. 2 Lent studies are scheduled this spring.
 - 3. Looking for volunteers to lead a group.
 - E. GROW Children & Youth, Kerm Leitner
 - 1. Pre-Teen retreat is being held this weekend.
 - 2. The new Kids Discovery Zone is completed.
 - 3. 35 volunteers are involved in children's ministries.
 - 4. Several youth accepted Christ at the last youth retreat, and several youth pledged to read their Bible daily.
 - F. Personnel, Stephanie Peffer
 - 1. Rich Charette is retiring in May, and we are searching for a replacement for his position as Facilities Manager.
 - 2. Little Lights Learning Center is hiring a new director.
 - G. SERVE, Ron Chipriano
 - 1. Summer mission trips are scheduled for Tennessee, Virginia Beach, & Nassau, Bahamas
 - H. WORSHIP, Ron Chipriano & Kerm Leitner
 - 1. Attendance at Christmas Eve services was the highest we've had to date at 877.
 - 2. Both children's choirs are growing.
 - 3. Lent services, annual Easter Egg Hunt, and 4 Easter services are planned.

IV. Updates from Building Committee

- A. Report focused on engineering of the building, design of the kitchen, outdoor landscaping, and progress of approval by Carlisle Borough and South Middleton Township.
- B. The Combined Service/Informational Meeting has been rescheduled from March 18 & March 25 to May 6 & May 13.
 - 1. May 6 we will have a combined worship service at 9am in the Sanctuary, followed by Building Committee Report 10:30am-Noon.
 - 2. May 13 (Mother's Day) we will have voting at regular worship services.

V. Responses to Questions Submitted in Advance—None

VI. Questions and Answers from the Floor

- A. Kerm reported that there are two homeless camps on our property at SGC. Kerm and Christina Benson are scheduled to meet with the Carlisle Police on Monday for guidance on what to do about this situation.
 - 1. Question by Jay Layman: Do we want the homeless people to be there?
 - 2. Response by Kerm Leitner: We were not aware of the situation until advised of it. We will have to post trespassing signs to protect our church against a possible lawsuit not only with this issue but also during construction and beyond.
 - 3. Statement by John Shorb: He affirms whatever Leadership Council decides about the homeless regarding our liability. He sees no choice but to evict them.
 - 4. Statement by Dorie Knotts: Couldn't we refer the homeless to Carlisle Care?
 - 5. Response by Kerm Leitner: One problem that might arise is that if homeless people have a police record, they are not eligible to participate in Carlisle Care.
 - 6. Statement by Dorie Knotts: We could investigate placing PODs on the property for the homeless.
- B. At the recommendation of the Security Committee, the church purchased \$40,000 worth of security equipment. Will this equipment be installed in the new building at SGC?
 - 1. Question by John Shorb.
 - 2. Response by Brad Weiser: The budget for the new building includes a \$50,000 line item for installing a security system in the new building. Use of the already purchased items will be evaluated for use. A network-based system or hard-wired propriety system are both being considered.
- C. What will the external walls be made of?
 - 1. Question by John Seaton.
 - 2. Response by Brad Weiser: There will be mixed finishes, depending on the budget. Some may be-EIFS, some block, some metal, some panel.
- D. Will there be a Methodist Church identifier on the building?
 - 1. Question by John Seaton.
 - 2. Response by Kerm Leitner: We will have the cross in the front of the church, and also we are looking at some sort of signage on the side of the building.
- E. Will the new building include space for the red buggies LLC uses?

1. Question by Jane Lerch.
 2. Response by Brad Weiser: They will be parked in the shed that will be constructed near LLC.
- F. Are we considering using renewable energy as a source of electricity?
1. Question by unidentified attendee.
 2. Answer by Brad Weiser: The architects are looking at these options in a cost/benefit analysis relative to our current budget.
- G. Have we looked at the distances the Carlisle Cares people will have to travel from Carlisle to SGC?
1. Question by Wayne Henderson.
 2. Answer by Kerm Leitner: No. Many walk here when we host them.
- H. Are we looking into a loop system for hear aids at SGC?
1. Question by Mel Murtorff.
 2. Answer by Brad Weiser: Yes—whether it’s a loop system or another one that will be available for new types of hearing aids is being considered. Install timing will be driven by budget, but preliminary infrastructure will be put in place during construction.
- I. What type of natural lighting is being considered for SGC?
1. Question by Linda Rohm.
 2. Answer by Brad Weiser: There are a number of natural light entry points. We are looking at how to shade when needed for the varied service needs.
- J. Do we have a report from the Organ Committee about the organ for SGC?
1. Question by Joan Boytim.
 2. Answer by Kerm Leitner: The Organ Committee is meeting on the 15th of the month to make a recommendation to the Building Committee. The Organ Committee received an estimate on the organ yesterday, and their recommendation will be given to the Building Committee, which meets again on the 17th.
- K. What happened to North of 60?
1. Question by Jane Lerch.
 2. Response by Debbi Goeltsch: We lost leadership for this group. Debbi is looking for new leadership and hopes to restart this group.

VII. Closing

- A. Kerm thanked the Building Committee for their many hours devoted to SGC and thanked everyone for attending today.
- B. The Church Hall meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Mira at 3:15pm.

Respectively submitted,
Marian Gibble, Recording Secretary

Attending: 64