

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**LEADERSHIP COUNCIL**  
**February 18, 2019**  
**OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

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

Present: Jeff Boley, Bill Bunt, Debbi Goeltsch, Wayne Henderson, Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner, John Seaton, Darlene Sheaffer, Jim VanZandt and Roger Woods. Absent: Christina Benson.

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:00pm by Kerm Leitner, chair.
- II. Minutes of the January 21, 2019 Open Session and Executive Session were approved online by the Leadership Council.
- III. Devotions and opening prayer were led by John Seaton.
- IV. Moments with the Pastors:
  - A. Pastor Jim:
    1. Easter is late this year, April 21, and a very busy time of the year. Plans are set for that season.
    2. Things are going well. He has difficulty with his left eye and has an appointment next week.
  - B. Pastor Mira:
    1. Like last year, we are planning a week of early morning Lent services followed by breakfast. Speakers will be several staff members (5 speakers). If this service continues to grow, we may need to think about a new meeting place other than the chapel.
    2. We invited 13 of the youth for confirmation. The format of confirmation will be changed, and a service project will be added. Erin Fleet is the primary leader of the confirmation class with both pastors involved, too.
    3. Staff news: Pray for Jessica Walton, who was assigned two foster children, ages 9 months and 16 years. They are siblings.
    4. Pastor Mira’s daughter, Grace, has started public school kindergarten. Accordingly, Mira’s office hours are 8:00am to 3:20pm.
- V. Announcements:
  - A. The district superintendent, Barry Robison, sent a letter to Pastor Jim acknowledging CUMC’s payment of 100% of Shares of Ministry for 2018 and thanked Pastor Jim for his service.
  - B. The new HVAC system was installed by Tuckey today.
  - C. Little Lights had a cleaning project today – classrooms and the balcony storage area. Some stuff was taken to the Annex for storage before we move. Other stuff was donated to Erin’s Youth for their annual yard sale.
  - D. Settlement of the construction loan will be completed on Thursday at 3pm.
  - E. Kerm will be busy over the next few days preparing for the televised WITF Spelling Bee. The first televised Spelling Bee will be on February 24 at 6pm. Other showings will be on March 1 at 11am and March 3 at 9am.

- F. The Vision and Steering Committee is looking for volunteers. Everyone is encouraged to volunteer.
- G. Jeanette Mater directed SPArKS on Sunday for the first time and did a good job. Kerm received a good report.
- H. The Leadership Council will lead all three worship services on June 16 while the two pastors have the Sunday off.

VI. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:

- A. Attendance was markedly decreased during two Sundays in January due to snow events on those Sundays. However, offerings for the month of January remained the same as January 2018.
- B. We started the year on a good note and pray for that to continue this year.

VII. South Carolina Mission Trip, Wayne Henderson and Roger Woods reporting:

- A. Wayne and Roger reported on the church's South Carolina VIM Mission Trip earlier this month. They both felt this trip was very productive and rewarding with 10 people participating in this mission trip.

VIII. Old Business:

- A. Kerm reviewed the Church Hall Meeting held February 10.
  - 1. Attendance was disappointing, with 49 attending.
  - 2. Kerm thanked the Leadership Council for their participation.
- B. The A Way Forward General Conference starts this weekend. Our church members will have the opportunity to study several books and discuss them. Later in the meeting, Wayne suggested that the Leadership Council read and discuss one of the four books, and that will occur. The Leadership Council invited the pastors to meet with them at any time to make any necessary plans regarding the A Way Forward decision.
- C. The G.I.V.E. Team plans to go into small groups following the Step-Up presentation during a Sunday worship service a few weeks ago.

IX. New Business

- A. The Visioning Task Force met to create a new mission and vision statement that will include the location of SGC. Following a motion by John Seaton and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the revised Mission and Vision Statements listed below:

**Our Mission:** Inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving the greater Carlisle Community and beyond.

**Our Vision:** Living like Jesus improves our lives, our families, the Carlisle community and beyond. At Carlisle United Methodist Church, we strive to **LIVE LIKE JESUS**.

- B. Bill Bunt and Kerm met with the district superintendent, Barry Robison, regarding CUMC's Shares of Ministry. Rev. Robison identified things we need to do to make the district aware of our capital expenses. This should include construction costs and interest on loans. He is willing to work with us on this. The Susquehanna Conference is presently working on their 2020 budget, and we should advise them of any special allowances they could make in assigning our 2020 Shares of Ministry. Following a motion by Roger Woods and a second

by Debbi Goeltsch, the Leadership Council unanimously approved immediately notifying the Susquehanna Conference that it should consider the fact that CUMC will be taking on construction costs with substantial principal and interest payments in 2020, and the assessment of our Shares of Ministry should be reflected in the amount we are expected to pay.

X. Around the Table

- A. Roger Woods reported all scripture readers are scheduled for the next cycle.
- B. After Bill Bunt met with all staff members, he noted the staff's appreciation of our pastors.
- C. Darlene Sheaffer reported everyone in the Connect team appreciates her keeping them informed of church activities.
- D. John Seaton reported the G.I.V.E Team will be meeting on Thursday.
- E. Debbi Goeltsch received word that over \$17,000 of two trust funds needs to be moved from Orrstown Bank. Pastor Mira had suggested using this money toward the construction of five rooms of our new church. Kevin Stafford confirmed that using the money in this way was consistent with the instruction of the Evelyn Kerstetter Mission Fund and the Allison UMC Mission Fund. Following a motion by Debbi Goeltsch and a second by Wayne Henderson, the Leadership Council unanimously approved moving \$17,000.49 from Orrstown Bank to the Spring Garden Campus account. The money comes from the Evelyn Kerstetter Mission Fund and from the Allison UMC Mission Fund and will be used toward the construction of rooms which will be used by the Samaritan Fellowship at our new facility.
- F. Pastor Mira reported that she will be out of town on Conference business on March 11 and 12.

XI. Open Session was closed at 6:18pm into Executive Session.

**Next Meeting: Monday, March 18, 2019 – Open Session at 5:00pm**

Respectfully submitted,  
Marian Gible, Recording Secretary