

St. Lucas United Church of Christ
Church Council
June 27, 2017

Attendance: Barb Beck, Mary Ellen Cox, Shannon Givens, Don Lang, Cynthia Rosfield, Paul Simons, Pat Stephens, John Weber, Pastor Keith

Paul reviewed the consent agenda previously sent to Council members and available in the Council packet on the St. Lucas UCC website. No additions or deletions or questions were noted. Accordingly, the items in the consent agenda were adopted.

Pastor Keith's Report

Pastor Keith shared his report. He reported that the Diversity Team is every other week, actively moving forward exploring and shaping the conversation for the Team and the congregation. There presently is not a timetable but the Team expects to announce meetings and forums for the congregation this fall.

Pastor Carol has begun her eight weeks of comped time off and will be going on the youth mission trip. Pastors Keith and Eric will be sharing the pastoral responsibilities during this time.

Pastor Keith announced that Kelly Archer, a second-year student at Eden will be serving as an intern during this fall and spring semesters, approximately eight to nine hours per week. Pastor Keith and Eden are developing the learning contract and exact nature of internship. This is a paid internship and funds are available as the Associate Pastor did not begin until mid-spring.

Pastor Keith reported that Randy Jurgensen has stepped in to coordinate AV Committee duties on an interim basis. He and the AV Committee is looking to identify issues to be resolved or scheduled. Consensus of the AV Committee is to look at the responsibilities overall and consider an AV Manager/Director to be responsible and coordinate the overall work load. Church & Ministry has been apprised of this discussion and is aware that this position **is currently** unbudgeted. John will liaison with the AV Committee and Building & Grounds about possible issues involving the new security system and AV.

Paul reported that he had attended the AV meeting and AV is working to clarify and correct audio/visual issues during worship. AV is looking for volunteers. Paul noted that Easy Worship will also be downloaded to a thumb drive so it is available for worship.

Pastor Keith reported that his bi-weekly series, "Your Story Matters," just finished its second meeting with a good age-range of participants.

Pastor Keith reported that he and Rev. Terrell Carter will "swap" pulpits on September 24, 2017.

Pastor Keith asked for feedback from the Pentecost celebration, the weekend of June 3 and 4. The hot weather seemed to hold attendance down among older members of the congregation for the one outdoor service; Grant's Farm was the night before; the lunch and celebration for the kids was very well received. The Staff and Council felt it was a good first try at this type of event and the conversations will continue. Lauren Hoggatt, who is heading up the Celebration Sunday Committee, has requested holding one, combined service the weekend of Celebration Sunday with the service inside, immediately followed by lunch and then Ice Cream Social with games and activities.

Pastor Keith shared a proposal from Pastor Eric and Megan Ligeti, Communications Coordinator, which focuses on the North Narthex entryway to Church and how to make it more inviting and welcoming to our visitors and to utilize that space more effectively. He has shared the information with M&E and Cynthia will follow up at M&E's next meeting. There are not budgeted funds but this will be part of the M&E discussion. John will also follow up with B & G, as the new security package is being installed, in case there are "wiring" needs that might be part of the installation. M&E and staff will work to implement the easier stuff and investigate other changes.

Pastor Keith shared information on website redevelopment from Megan Ligeti. He noted that the Website Committee and Megan continue to develop their relationship. After review, the website will be moved to a new platform.

Old Business

Grant's Farm

Pat reported that 329 people (adults and children) attended the St. Lucas UCC Night at Grant's Farm, considerably less than the usual attendance. Expenses totaled \$4,637 (which included \$3,290 for Grant's Farm, \$947 for Jolly Jumps, and \$400 for the DJ), or, about \$764 over receipts of \$3,873. There was Council discussion about reasons why the lower turnout and the difficulty in getting volunteers. Pat suggested bringing the matter to the Cabinet to get their input. Many members of the congregation look forward to this evening and consider Grant's Farm Night a time of fellowship for friends and family. Council discussion will continue and a decision will be made before the end of the year about continuing the event.

Council Conversations

Paul reviewed the recent Council Conversations and shared a recap. The Council will be scheduling another conversation. Paul noted that there will be a *Visitor* article reviewing some of the questions asked and information about pictures of the Council being posted. The article will invite members to contact Council members with questions or concerns.

Barb suggested that pictures of new members be added to the bulletin or perhaps the *Visitor* so members can put names with faces. Cynthia noted that pictures aren't taken until the day of joining but she will discuss at M&E. The next new member class is August 20. Could it be possible to print a supplement to the pictorial directory with new members?

Audio Visual Issues

Paul highlighted several of the items included in the Audio Visual Report and noted that Randy Jurgensen appears to have a good handle on current AV issues.

New Business

Governance Issues

Paul shared a handout about governance issues. He noted that recommendations adopted by the Council include an annual planning event; governance versus ministry distinction; accountability and authority, and church structure. Some changes have been made in defining staff responsibilities and Paul noted upcoming discussions to include scheduling a 2018 planning event, modifying the number of Council members; modifying the two-year requirement for Council/Board participation; modify liaison role; modify Council meeting frequency; allowing for electronic meeting/ voting; elimination of Board of Christian Education; and restructuring Board/Committee reporting. The Council will be seeking input and discussion as we address the issues of governance.

Volleyball Net

Don Lang asked about the volleyball net by the Pavilion and offered to fix the leaning poles. He will talk to Karl Scheidt to proceed.

Paul reminded the Council to please sign up for offering duty at least three services. He thanked Julie Hubbell for coordinating the offering sign-up. The Council will be serving communion on July 2, 2017.

A motion was made by Barb Beck to adjourn the June 27, 2017 Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Shannon Givens and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Stephens, Secretary