

Ministries Council  
November 6, 2013

Present: Rita Goldberg, Lela Russell, Ellen Daniels-Howell, Peter Howe, Tim Rankin, Pat Thorton, Jeanie Sanders, Lydia Shaw, Eric Galloway, Peter Howe, Darren Cushman Wood, Anne Moman, Sarah Dutkevitch, Kelley Warbinton

Guests: Troy Barker, Nora Choate, Stephanie Binney, Dan Mathis

#### Fall Round Up Recap (October 20)

- Discussion in MC starting in August
- List of roles to take back to ministry teams
- Recruit youth/help with games ahead of time, not night of
- Share winning chilis/recipes via NorthNet an e-news after the event

#### Advent Festival (December 8) – 5:30 -7:30 pm

- Use wreaths, roping and a light of lights to decorate courtyard. Decorate the current trees out there, but not purchasing or decorating a large tree.
  - Purchase lights
  - Courtyard decorating leader?
  - Use bell shack as central focal point rather than a large tree
  - Lela will provide the supplies, can help direct, but doesn't want to be the lead
- Mini stations of the cross oriented around peace – start at the peace pole – song and reading. Lauren Warbinton will ring bell. Conclude in the courtyard.
- Youth Ringers will play
- Kelley will help get singers there for an informal hymn sing
- Beth & Eric Galloway will oversee the meal – purchase chicken and maybe ham. They'll also supply decorations.
- Gathering activities – make ornaments? – Danyelle, maybe Becky Wolfe will assist
- Eating at 6:00 pm.
- Need set up and clean up for kitchen.

#### HJR-6 – Dan Mathis

- Justice and Advocacy Team – long range planning
- Voting on NUMC opposing HJR-6
- Speaking on behalf on NUMC – MC gives authority – what is the process for approving statements?
- Question on who can speak on behalf of North?
- Keep language about marriage equality? Yes. The document will work longer.
- If approved, put the document on website – circulate the document through the church.
- Supports RMN decision already made. Justice for all people.
- Need a preview period before voting on statements in the future. Need to be able to take documents back to our ministry groups and get feedback before making votes.
- Special vote after discussions with our groups? Or, vote at next meeting, December 4.
  - Up or down vote electronically. In two weeks.
  - 2/3 of MC must vote. Two “no” votes is a NO.
  - Include language in email about not sharing this further.
- How do we communicate to the congregation once a decision is made?

- Eric, Dan and Darren will follow up and get us what we need
- Isaiah 42:1-4 – how do you bring forth justice without breaking a bruised reed?

#### The Next 6 Touches

- Celebration of Ministries – just the first step in developing lay leadership
- What's our next touch?
- Could Ange Cahoon come and share more about this with us?
- Schedule a joint meeting with Lay Leadership Committee?
- 9 new members – need to engage them in involvement
- Eric will get in touch with LLC and Ange.
- What about the Leadership class that was offered under Kevin? When's the next class? Some found it to be very helpful!
- Leadership development

#### Membership Building Programming

##### The Darren Report

- Stewardship Update – too early for a full picture. But numbers look good. 214 pledges in (last year YTD 203). 36 new pledges (last year YTD 23). 105 increased pledges (last year total 65).
- Lay Leadership – almost done with nominations for charge conference. Updating leadership team lists – send them to Nancy Fykes.
- New staff person: Julie O'Connor (WThF) – admin assistant

#### Items and Announcements

- Review long range plan goals to see how we're doing.

#### Closing Prayer