

# Ministries Council

## Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2013

### Opening

The regular meeting of the Ministries Council was called to order at 5:30 on March 6, 2013 in the Parlor by Eric Galloway.

### Present

Pat Thorlton, Lela Russell, Kelley Warbinton, Tim Rankin, Jeanie Sanders, Danyelle Ditmer, Anne Moman, Darren Cushman-Wood, Lydia Shaw, Peter Howe, Eric Galloway, Ellen Daniel-Howell, Sarah Dutkevitch, regrets from Rita Goldenberg

### Approval of Minutes

Meetings from the previous meeting were NOT available, they will be for each meeting going forward.

### Devotion

Led by Kelley Warbinton.

### Discussion

- ☐ Eric reminded the group of the prayer as Mission Statement project: each group creates a prayer (similar to mission statement) to read together at each meeting. Ministries Council needs one too. Think about prayer components as Homework.
- ☐ Ministries Council discussed and finalized a statement for the Board of Directors that outlined a delegation of authority to allow the MC to approve individuals and groups having the ability to speak on behalf of the church. Kelly moved that it be sent in the amended form to the BoD and Lydia seconded.
- ☐ Darren spoke to the group about upcoming staff realignment. Danyelle – Pastor of Discipleship and Formation; Anne – Minister of Youth and Young Adults; Pat – Care & Nurture; Brian – HEM & New Members
- ☐ Teri said that in order to meet the Long-Range Plan goal of getting the lay leadership of the church in front of the congregation more often, Ministry Council members would be asked to be liturgists. She passed around a sign-up sheet.
- ☐ Danyelle let a discussion of Game Night: April 12, 6:00pm – Eric will reserve the rooms – Fellowship Hall – Wii tournament? Will need set up and clean-up crews. Euchre – Darren, Wii tournament – Danyelle. Send out email for sign-ups – Eric.
- ☐ Eric gave a very enthusiastic report about the Green Team. About 40 people attended and they will meet again on March 24 – start organizing around lots of great ideas!
- ☐ Darren reminded the MC of the statement in the LRP about organizing a RMN Team.
  - What's the scope? Broad approach – RMN in conference, Gay pride parade, LGBT Teen Suicide Prevention grant, etc. Advocacy to changing the *Discipline*.
  - Chair? Possibly Stephanie Binney (Eric wondered if she's been over-asked recently); Don Childers (proposed by Peter Howe).

- Different name? Reconciling Ministries Team? Put under D&F. Vote for Darren to talk to Don and report back next meeting. Approved.
- ☐ Lela, Visual Arts: remodeled the banner room and catalogued them in a large binder. Working on the three dimensional visuals (i.e. The Donkey). Summer 2015 – The Fellowship of the UM in Worship, Music and the Arts – developing good worship techniques/planning/visuals – in Indianapolis.
- ☐ Jeanie Sanders, UMW: next dinner in May 19 (Julie Clarkson – VP, moving to Chicago at the end of the summer). Julie, At-Large, unofficially as a UMW Representative. Vote for Jeanie Sanders to replace Julie. Sarah so moved, Kelley seconded. Approved.
- ☐ Kelley: Adult Handbell group went to festival in Anderson – talk of hosting a festival at North. Thinking about a youth handbell groups. How do all the groups get placed in Sunday morning worship? Work with Mark and all the other directors to get a schedule in place.
- ☐ Tim, Youth Council: YC meets first Monday of each month (10 members, 6 adults and 4 youth & Anne). Greta Slater – LGBT Teen Suicide Prevention grant – 2 day intensive training for adults May 2-3, 3 hour training for 30 adults May 2-5pm, 2 part training for youth. Special needs of youth: Susan LeVay will talk with youth volunteers about autism on March 17.
- ☐ Sarah, C&N: two retreats to get everyone acquainted. Meeting March 24, ministry descriptions and guidelines.
- ☐ Lydia, M&O: spent a lot of time on the Long Range Plan – who holds them accountable? Eric says it's MC – send out before the next meeting via email. Beyond the Bridges – asking if NUMC will host 3 hour tutoring space once a month. Mission Special Offering – Umoja. Will work with Anne to offer service projects for the youth.
- ☐ Peter, D&F: Small groups. Lenten studies. Bible studies. Ed Alley headed up the small groups group – 8 Lenten study groups going, plus clergy groups, etc. After Lent, assess how it went before the next time. Small Group forming – Photography Group (Stephanie Binney). Dinners for 8 – do again in the fall – suggestions for who to head that up.
- ☐ Eric will send out two timetables for Lent and Advent before our next meeting.
- ☐ Darren:
  - Hand out Good Friday posters.
  - Copies of the Long Range Plan in a chart form.
  - Finance Committee approved – take up an offering on Communion Sunday for the poor (Lela and Brian)
- ☐ Eric and Ann Mackey have asked the office to send worship attendance numbers to BoD and MC – 13 month graph to look at the next meeting

## **New Business**

Summarize the discussion for new issues, state the next steps, and assign any action item.

## **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM by Eric Galloway. The next general meeting will be at 5:30PM on April 10, 2013, in the Parlor.

Minutes submitted by: Anne Moman/Eric Galloway

Approved by: Eric Galloway