

Ministries Council Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

NEXT MEETING: April 27, 2020

In Attendance: Alan A., Cory U., Kim D., Eric G., Amy S., Tiffany M., Carol T., Kathleen H., Diane Gattone, Darren CW, Carolyn S., Lydia S, Tim B., Jeanie S.

UMW Report (Carol Tiller)

- Thank you to everyone for supporting our meal, we are increasing Fundraising to help with our mission giving.
- Legislative day coming up - statewide meeting, connects with Justice and Advocacy, on Maternal and Infant Health. 10A-12P, Lunch, 1P-3P small Groups
- Saturday July 5th - Carol and Dicks Wedding

M&O (Lydia and Carolyn)

Farmers Market

- Challenges - Weather, uneven Vendor attendance, Volunteers for setup and takedown, budget, vouchers
- Objectives of Market: Get Fresh Produce in Food Dessert, coupled with some community outreach
- Eval:
 - WIC value weeks were huge, it is promoted by WIC itself (max of 80 recipients on one week.)
 - How do we get the vendors?
 - Market Basket? Too many already exist and Gleaners Trucks on Saturday
 - Some kind of guaranteed income?
 - Solutions:
 - 6 total markets, down from 9, start in July, no 5th Thursday
 - Back into the Parking Lot (not on 39th street)
 - Reinvest in Children's Program.
 - Get rid of Vouchers (Eric asked if we should give it some other time, Alan says the trick is to get the Produce Vendors successful, currently they are going 80% to bakers. It was suggested distributing them to PT Families, Beyond Bridges, or Bread and Bowl, to use as a driver for people coming to the market, instead of AT the market when people are already there.)
 - WIC says they can be at probably 4 of the markets, or more.
 - Remember we are small and missional.
 - (Talked about not doing it at all.)

Ministries Council Changes

PROPOSAL: Move to a quarterly meeting (instead of monthly) that is somewhat longer and only 4 times a year. This places more focus on reflection together about ministry. Have January meeting as a kickoff that includes all the new board member orientation (would it fit on a weeknight?). Program could include

a 30 min speaker/discussion to prime the pump for reflection and interact with the material. Plan for Fall Festival, Advent Festival, Summer Tent event.

4th Mondays; or 1st Mondays

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8/31/20 or 9/7/20 Labor Day)	Fall Calendar – finalize; Budget; Advent Festival; Stewardship	
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Possible topics for speakers: Gratitude and giving, family ministry, how to strengthen connections with visitors and people on edge of congregation activities; hospitality; asset-based community outreach

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- Darren says there is a cyclical pattern to the year, and the meeting would reflect that. There would be less reporting and we would move to mostly discuss things that "move across ministry areas". One

activity would be looking at the budget. Meeting is currently 1 to 1.5 hours. Goal is to get Good Advanced Planning. Currently planning is too staff driven.

- Eric suggested that he would be interested in topics that related to NUMC but not generic education. Darren says discussion could happen during dinner together.
- Kathy suggests Thursday works for Choir members. She appreciates only 1 drive.
- Eric asked about Spring Book and Fall Book. Cory pointed out that small groups and staff make most of book entries. The late meeting is to check for any remaining issues.
- Darren said this should help promote Lay Leadership of programming. Also, takes the guess work out of why we are having a meeting.
- Voted on 4th Mondays, approved. Next meeting April 27, 2020.
- Is Calendar updated that far in advance? Yes, for example Theology series is scheduled 3 years in advance. Tim asked about the Calendar on the Website (not sure if it is there.)
- Cory and Amy have to figure out how to respond to the difficult variances in the school schedules.
- Cory shared that there has been discussion about how to catch those people that are gone for things like Tent Sunday, move it later.
- Kathy suggested organizing the layers of the calendar, so we can see how they interrelate. Kathy says if all parts came together, perhaps around worship.
- Darren says he has Nancy working on a list of Spotlights, Tables in the West Entry, and in-Gatherings.

Darren Report:

- This Sunday, John Drake will be doing a presentation on the Finances and Stewardship. MC members are encouraged to go.
- Since the RMN vote (not necessarily because of it) the church has had some financial concerns, and this year we are going to have to solve that problem.
- There is about a \$200K-\$300K hold in the budget, we need to figure out a long term solution to this, whatever that may be. The budget is as tight as it can be.
- In Darren's 8 years he has gone through 5 finance directors, and this has been a real issue in working on this.
- Darren feels like the BOD is in great shape and that the Stewardship committee is fully functioning.
- The North Declaration press release went out and tonight Darren will be on TV talking about it in the news.

<https://www.wishtv.com/news/local-news/indianapolis-congregation-declares-support-for-same-sex-marriage-as-united-methodist-church-heads-toward-possible-split>

or

<https://tinyurl.com/qk2cztj>

Green Team (Eric Galloway)

Most of the Lenten Devotional Books were given out, close to 100.