

NUMC Ministries Council - 4/5/2022

NEXT MEETING: May 4, 2022, 5:30PM

IN-PERSON

In Attendance: Eric Lekberg, Brandon Wallace, Amy Sell, Darren Cushman Wood, Eric Galloway, Sunil Kotian, Kim Davis, Jenie Sanders, Diane Gattone, Angie Kattmann, Alan Archibald



Opening Devotion - Darren CW

Landscaping Motion-

- Eric explained need to spur the Trustees forward on a comprehensive landscaping plan.
- Passes Unanimously.
- Eric L. to contact Jeff Bonner.

Motion (as passed): The Ministries Council requests that the Board of Trustees by whatever means necessary (internally or by hire) complete a landscaping plan to move the church forward in the near future. This plan should at minimum include the removal of invasive flora (such as the remaining burning bushes {Euonymus alatus or "winged euonymus"}, the pear trees, and the English ivy). It should also address the issues with the large growth of poison ivy in front of the community room windows, and the possibility of erosion on that same section of yard. If a total plan for the landscaping is not forthcoming in the very near future, a short-term plan for removal of the burning bushes before they spread further should be put in place. (Report back to MC on 5/3/2022)

Food Policy

- Need to discuss church policy on food at events so UMW and Others can sponsor a reception on May 1st for Costeena, the new Executive Director of Project Transformation. – Eric G.
- Prepoured Cups of Punch is ok
- Prepackaged cookies or already cut and plated cake is ok

Web Site Hospitality to help with Announcement Hospitality – Eric G.

- Ease of getting to Newsletter to support Sunday Announcement
 - I. Can't get to newsletter
 - II. Need consistent terminology when referring to church publications
 - III. Link to Current newsletter to be moved to front page.
 - IV. Will encourage staff to point congregation to newsletter and to email address in bulletin from now on.

- Problem getting to menus on Mobile devices - repairs of the hamburger menu are in process....

Pride Planning -

- Signed up for the Parade and a Booth (Amy Sell)
- 2nd Saturday, June 11
- Parade down Mass
- Booth in Military Park
- Good for Beads, well supplied
- Pride Committee - Eric G. volunteered, Eric L. volunteered

Should we have a Homecoming Sunday in the Fall?

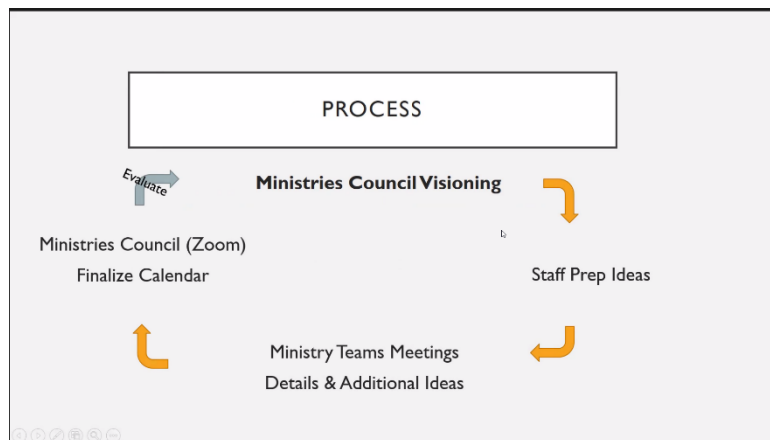
- Darren says “here is the thing, don't know what the fall will bring.”
- He is recommending against it.
- Go back to normal but not expand into new stuff.
- Education Sunday and Creation Care Sunday (oct 8-9 Guest Preacher, 2 Anthems, all church meal) are big fall gathering
- Amy asked about Fall Festival.
- Can't have a big meal...
- Maybe 2nd Sunday in October is return to church Sunday.

New cadence of meetings & planning – Eric L. and Pastor Darren

Darren and Eric L. planned out a new rhythm for the MC meetings.

New Annual:





- Timing of Books and Programming make the 3rd week make more sense.
- Visioning would include discussion about big ideas.
- Staff would carry the information to Staff Meetings to work on details

- Increases Lay input into programming. Would increase commitment
- Justice and Advocacy, and Hospitality, and Green Team, on-going ministry teams need to have a seat at the table

- May want to invite individuals from other groups on One-Off for meetings
- Might be hosted by Lay Leadership.
- Alan says inviting other people might help with diversity and representation
- When does it start? DCW says we are in April and Easter is coming...
- We work backwards from Publication Dates... about 30 days for groups to meet
- Book needs to be off by Sunday after Labor Day, usually by at least Education Sunday
- Do in person meeting on May 17th, the 3rd Tuesday in May, followed by Staff follow up later that week.
- Staff to prepare Brainstorming questionnaire. Linda to mail out PDF of Fall of 2019 book.
- Ministry teams should consider discussing it before the May 17th meeting.
- Eric to send out other dates.
- Meeting changed to the 4th of May. In-person at church. What time? 5:30PM-8PM (hard stop), Fellowship Hall
- All meetings moving to 3rd Wednesday.
- Eric L. to update Jeff Linnan.

Updates from each Ministry Area

Green Team(already covered)

D & F -

- Darren's study
- Working to follow up with SS classes that are not meeting
- Sojourner clean up - 9th at 9Am

Children's Ministries -

- Movie night was awesome, there was no movie due to technical difficulties - 12 kids, 23 people - Lots of Pizza and a super fun time.
- Children's Choir
 - Meeting during alternative worship
 - Performing on easter
- Elevation and Youth Group going on.
- Need volunteers and childcare workers - Positions are posted?
- May 13th, Friday - family game night, in-person, in the church

Care and Nurture -

- Next week - another interview, with Trauma specialist - Richard Collins
- Podcast (Brandon & Diane to talk about) - About mental health concerns for Youth
 - Experts will speak on these ideas
 - Will parallel Youth programming.
 - Will create a library
- Sunil and Diane meeting with someone from Raphael Health Center about adding Health Checks to Bread and Bowl

- Eventually Dental checks too.

Youth

- After Lenten Retreat, which went well, focused on growing Youth Group
- Mission-focused - Morning is spiritual development, evenings are related missions activities

Young Adult

- Starting Tuesday night Worship - will be midweek contemporary Worship service
- Hub for Young Adults - meeting and programming
- Everyone is invited to service

Justice and Advocacy

- Been doing occasional programming
- Just did Evictions, led by Garland Graves
- Gathering some information about Voting Awareness and Voting Access
- Did program on (Boys) Youth Violence, upcoming program on (Girls) Youth Violence
- Sunil said he is working with other pastors to expand evictions programming based on Garland's recommendation.
- Planning adding Neighborhood Christian Legal Clinic to Bread and Bowl (May 5)

United Women in Faith (formerly UMW)

- Renamed internationally, reorganizing and revitalizing, web site updated
- Pie Pickup - this Sunday on Palm Sunday, there will be a few extras available

Darren report

- Duke intern this year, Austin Spence, from Annapolis, MD. Working on housing. Plan A is with Project Transformation.
- Holy Week -
 - Holy Week Worship Experiences:
 - (Monday) Hymn Sing, 5:30pm, Chapel
 - (Tuesday) Contemplative Prayer, 5:30pm, Chapel;
 - (Wednesday) Communion, 7:30am, Chapel & Healing Service, 5:30pm, Sanctuary;
 - (Thursday) Maundy Thursday Communion, 7pm, Sanctuary;
 - (Friday) Good Friday Prayer Service, noon, Chapel

Sunil Report

- April 12th - volunteer meeting about Bread and Bowl, should we serving inside or outside, all involved groups coming.
- May 6th - Teacher appreciation for School #43
- MLK is doing building - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-opening-week-private-tour-request-tickets-293849891937>

- Family Promise - <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grand-opening-week-private-tour-request-tickets-293849891937>

IX. Meeting Schedule

X. Closing Prayer

Ministries Council Plan

Goal: The Ministries Council will cultivate laity inspired vision for ministries through seasonal in-person visioning meetings and will maintain vision plans through monthly zoom meetings.

Annual Flow:

1. MC in-person seasonal brainstorming/visioning—
2. Staff planning based on MC ideas to prepare them for team planning—
3. Team meetings for planning details and additional ideas—
3. MC zoom meeting to finalize scheduling

Schedule:

3rd Week of January—Annual Kick-Off and Leadership Gathering; in-person, shared meal, fellowship, and inspirational learning

3rd Week of February—zoom meeting; updates and finalize specific details as needed

3rd Week of March—zoom meeting; updates and finalize specific details as needed

3rd Week of April—Fall Visioning Meeting; in-person, shared meal, and fellowship

3rd Week of May—zoom meeting; updates and finalize specific details as needed } 1 of these may

3rd Week of June—zoom meeting; updates and finalize specific details as needed } be canceled.

3rd Week of July—zoom meeting; updates and finalize specific details as needed }

3rd Week of August—zoom meeting; preview budget needs; updates and finalize specific details as needed

3rd Week of September—zoom meeting; preview stewardship campaign; updates and finalize specific details as needed

3rd Week of October—Spring Visioning Meeting; in-person, shared meal, and fellowship.

3rd Week of November—zoom meeting; updates and finalize specific details as needed

No meeting in December