

Ministries Council Minutes

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

In attendance: Carolyn, Jeanie, Laura, Lydia, Ronnie, Amy, Alan, Cory, Kathy, Eric, Denise Caraher, Jim Caraher

Ronnie opened with prayer.

Carahers opened the meeting by telling us about a Community and Arts grant program that is available. It requires partnering with a secular organization to get it started.

Denise suggested that NUMC offer a program, possibly on Saturday morning, that includes lessons or music programming for people in our neighborhood. Jim said they do not want applications, they want concept papers. The Cs thought this could offer an alternative as Public School arts programming goes down the tubes. They were reminded of the teacher who got a Grammy for offering music outside of school hours in a difficult neighborhood. They said grades improved and behavior improved, all after the start of the program.

Their thought was that it would be a nice complement to all the things happening in the neighborhood., this would be a time to add some arts programming in this neighborhood, fitting with the NUMC long tradition of music. We could use Music students at Butler or UIndy to run the program, paid!

Visit the artsLEI.com website.

Alan said when children were asked what "was their spark" children consistently listed expressive arts.

MC voted unanimously to send Jim to Butler to put the next steps together.

Denise said we need to think about how to promote it beyond School 43 and 60.

Alan reminded us that Tarkington Park is looking for programming.

Laura suggested Drum Circles and Denise suggested expanding to Percussion.

Alan asked us to open with the question about where we see Jesus in our Ministry areas this month.

Cory shared that he and Kathy saw Jesus in the Youth Lenten Retreat and the Youth in attendance. Kathy said she was glad to get away and be fed by the messages Cory had prepared for the retreat

Lydia said she had worked IHN the week before. The families said the church was wonderful and kind. The children hugged her and said she loved her. Cory passed a picture one of the kids drew Thanking the church. There was also another woman who had a lot of stuff going on. (the kids were named Hope, Miracle, and Christian).

Amy volunteered that during the teaching about prayer in Alternative worship. Last week she also got the opportunity to teach Adults about prayer as well. At the Children's Day Retreat, the boys group were writing their prayers to God, and it was so cool to see their prayers, and Amy wrote a prayer of thanksgiving for the boys who challenge her and fill her with a variety of emotions. They asked her when she make her cry and she explained that she is invested in them and it fills her with emotions. After that the boys were extra delightful for 24 hours.

Ronnie shared that when they were doing their planning for his Civil Disobedience. One immigrant told the story of how she had a constant fear of police. She said that her mother told her any time she saw a police car just to pray and to this day she prays when she sees a police car. Ronnie says you can hear online this woman say how thankful she was for people who put their bodies online for her, it was like Jesus offering himself up for us.

Reports:

(Alan said he was out of town and saw the pictures of Ronnie, 16 other clergy, and 2 lay people getting arrested.

Ronnie said it was coordinated across the country.)

M&O -

Ronnie reported the 2 focuses of JAT this year are Immigration & racial justice (Ted is looking into this). Lydia reported they just got done with IHN. Need more volunteers. Next week is week of June 3-10. Cory asked if there is a core group who oversee IHN. He said volunteers often think that the volunteer position often seems overwhelming to people. He suggested setting up "volunteer interning", inviting people to Shadow Volunteers to gain volunteering skills.

Amy suggested expanding the volunteer base by using a Bring-A-Friend approach.

Lydia is interested in how to present that program. Her existing goal is to get 2 new volunteers each time. Eric suggested Lydia start asking now.

Laura said ask volunteers to suggest others who might be good volunteers.

Had a really effective, productive Farmer's Market meeting. Angie Kattmann is Market Chair, Megan is Market Manager. Ronnie is in touch with people about closing 39th street. We have email address now, Market@northchurchindy.com. FMs on first, third, and fifth.

Project Transformation is coming! We have to get the students. They provide the program. 46205,46208, 46228.

We will NOT be reaching out to School 43 kids, in cooperation with MLK.

Alan suggested that having an ongoing discussion about getting volunteers.

Children -

Parents night out. (Cory suggested that parents of older kids might even volunteer)

Kids in worship is going really well. Everyone has been very positive.

D&F has met

Amy suggested that getting replies to emails is a challenge too.

UMW

Sunday Supper is April 29th, serving Pepsi Chicken.

Jeanie said that people have told UMW that they loved homemade desserts, but their source has dried up.

Lydia circle is going to get together and make pies.

Deep cleaning the kitchen will be done at the next Lydia Circle Meeting.

Looking for more new fundraisers, like Soup Mix.

Petition was forwarded to stop using Styrofoam.

Youth -

Lenten Retreat - Good reviews on the programming and activities. Lots of kids came to the retreat and kids who missed it were sad.

Christina O'Neil decided to have a table in the West Entry to sign up volunteers. It was a very successful program.

Cory stood out and actively solicited

Youth involved with serving IHN, went well, was well received.

ASP has 15 people signed up, more Youth than Adults. Cory says we started advertising it later this year.

Communication Audit Task Force - Will meet in the future. Hoping Darren will get it organized.

Darren said there was nothing to pass forward from the BOD meeting.

Linda Mansfield has been hired to take over for Laura Halt.

Ronnie has been working with Matt on Racial Conversations. On Palm Sunday, Rev. Charles Harrison will be speaking on Sunday night.