

Core Leadership Minutes, August 21, 2017

In Attendance: Joe Lee, Laura Baumgartner, Jen Hoerber, Colleen Olleman, Katie Olleman, David Lutz, Melinda Lilley, Patty Ferguson, Linda Detering, Rich Detering, Janice Zahn, Steve Rummel, Jean Harris, Joe Lee, and, finally, Robbin Price (arriving at the fourth down, or the third act, or the denouement—pick your metaphor of choice)

First of all, thanks to Melinda for taking notes. These minutes are mostly hers; I just promised to polish them up a bit.

Opening Prayer – Joe opened by reading scripture: Genesis 1:26-27

Old Business:

1. VBS – Joe recognized Jen & her leadership; Jen said it was with the help of 70 volunteers. Wow! Not easy organizing and running something on that scale, Jen. Thanks for your hard work, and that of your team. A tremendous accomplishment by one and all.

2. Review Actions from 7/17 Core Leaders meeting

a. Youth assistant & budget –There currently are no funds in the budget for the position. Jen said they will be interviewing a candidate on Thursday. Brian Ting might be interested but he is pursuing full-time employment in his field. Josie is interested in a scaled down support position as she is attending Central Washington University. Jen said we are establishing relationships with Bellevue First and Newport Presbyterian and planning joint events. David recommended that the CLT commit to hiring a youth assistant and ask the congregation to fund the position. Salary range: \$8,000 - \$15,000.

MOTION (Colleen moved, Joe seconded): *Present the need for a youth assistant to the congregation and start the campaign to fund the position no later than September 10th*. The motion was approved unanimously.

Jen will prepare our request to the congregation. We will get the work out during Sunday services, through electronic communication and with a special pledge card mailing encouraging a two-year commitment.

b. The Lake Washington Parking Program – Discussion of a recent neighbor complaint about homeless parking in our lot led to a conversation about whether we want Aldersgate to become a safe parking location.

MOTION (David moved, Melinda seconded): *Authorize a task force to study and recommend an overnight parking policy.* The motion was approved unanimously.

Several possible task force members were suggested, including: someone from Trustees, a representative from the preschool, David Maybee, possibly someone from a new family in the church who expressed interest, Pastor Brad/Pastor Laura, and Joe Lee.

c. Leadership recruitment – Pastor Laura distributed the Nominations Plan.

MOTION (Katie moved, Jen seconded): *Approve and move forward with the Nominations Plan.* The motion was approved unanimously.

e. Crop Walk – October 8th - Malia Hampson is coordinating our efforts. Thank you, Malia!

New Business:

1. Can we host a series of end of life planning workshops in October or later? Laura shared information about a workshop that is designed for a small group of people and would cost \$125 per person. We have been asked if we can host the four week course and provide one or more people who will attend. We all agreed that it seemed like something of interest to our congregation, and we debated what times would work best. Laura will get a request for interest into the bulletin and ask about date preferences.

2. Brief review of the fall programming – Both Jen & Katie distributed calendars. We also added the following:

September 7th – Hosting of “Conversations for Organizing Communities on the Eastside: Opportunities for Social Action” – Friendship Hall/ Jean Harris
Third Tuesday of the month, starting in September - Meaning Movies on the Eastside – Janice has dates

September 15 -24 - National Welcoming Week – Eastside Activities – Janice

September 16 –A young adult hike in the evening

September 18 (Friday) – A James Baldwin play being put on by a high school in Seattle. We have been encouraged to attend.

CPR/AED training – Dave Maybee is working on the date sometime this fall. (And spots are going fast, so if you're interested in this, let Dave know right away.)

3. Weekend backpack meals – Janice was approached by a group about providing weekend backpack meals to a specific school, either Ardmore Elementary or Odle Middle School, for 1 to 3 months. There was some confusion about the group doing this; Outreach gives a \$500.00 donation to this program each year. The folks who approached Janice appear to be part of that group trying a pilot program. Taking on a school would be committing to filling 40 backpacks a week, at \$10.00 per bag. After some discussion, we expressed concern that there wasn't a group in the church with the capacity to do this right now, and that taking part in a feeding program next summer might be more doable. We decided to keep this in mind as a possibility for next year.

4. Jen shared that SUMYT (Seattle United Methodist Youth Team) will be doing another great retreat this year, and mentioned that their annual retreats have done a tremendous job of nurturing youth leadership in the church. The retreats are very popular, generally selling out early. Interestingly, the Conference doesn't provide SUMYT with any budget at all for these endeavors. The Tacoma MYT has problems with this as well. Jen is currently working with others to build some fundraising and to encourage the Conference to consider helping out. We gave her our vote of confidence.

We closed in prayer, and then several people met regarding the Reconciling Congregation project.

These minutes respectfully submitted by Robbin Price and the awesome Melinda Lilley, without whom I would have been totally lost. Even so, any mistakes or omissions are mine, not Melinda's, and corrections are most welcome.

Next meeting: September 18