

## **Core Leadership Meeting, March 20, 2017**

**In attendance:** Holy Spirit, Joe Lee, David Lutz, Melinda Lilley, Colleen Olleman, Katie Olleman, Patty Ferguson, Stan McKenzie, Christian Hampson, Stan Rummel, Jean Harris, Rich Detering, Linda Detering, Robbin Price, Brad Beeman, Dorothy Beeman

Joe Lee opened the meeting in prayer.

### Old Business

Eastgate Men's Shelter Update: Janice was unable to attend the meeting because of her need to be at a city council meeting tonight. She sent an email mentioning that the city will be presenting a report on the shelter proposal on April 3, and she hopes to have an update after that time. This item was tabled until next month.

Homeless Task Force Update: Dave Maybee volunteered at Common Table last week to take over organizing this group. He has already put a notice in the newsletter, and brings energy and enthusiasm to the project. Thank you, Dave!

Mission Sunday Update: Christian reported that sign-ups for mission projects will start this Sunday. There should be plenty of opportunities to volunteer. The projects, which were listed in the Common Table minutes last week, include:

- Spring patio clean up at Sophia Way
- Building a gazebo by the portable so that AA members can smoke out of the rain (This is Jake Hampson's Eagle Scout project, and Stan McKenzie is helping lead the effort)
- Creating Days for Girls kits (Jo Fritze is leading this)
- Grounds clean up at Aldersgate, Newport Way Library, and Eastgate Park
- Assembling birthday party kits for the Issaquah Food Bank

In addition, it was suggested that we clean the slippery moss off the sidewalk from Newport Way to the library and the sidewalk by the church.

Via email, Jen said that we are good to go for this Sunday and should have a display and announcement ready for worship.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Since we have decided that this will happen in September rather than June, it was tabled for now.

Car Donation Update: A 2012 Toyota Sienna is being offered to the church, if we can use it (thank you Hampsons!). Christian has even offered to pay the insurance and maintenance for the first year. The Trustees discussed the issue, but it isn't clear if we have anyone who is willing to take on the task of maintaining the car and figuring out how to best use it. There are potential uses, offering transportation to

church for members at Emerald Heights, for example, or providing an additional car for youth group trips. After some discussion, we decided to put a message in the newsletter and bulletin asking if anyone in the congregation would like to take on this ministry.

*Action Item: Joe will create a message to put out to the church body to see if anyone has interest in overseeing and maintaining a vehicle for church use.*

Upcoming Events: Since Jen couldn't make it to the meeting (hope Justin's team did well at the game tonight, Jen!), she sent a list of upcoming events via email:

April 9th there will not be 2nd Sunday Dinner/Club 345/Youth due to Spring Break  
April 15th am - Eggstravaganza (community based and geared for preschool and young elementary)  
April 15th pm - Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt (geared for Tweens and Youth)  
April 16th am - Easter Services with Egg Hunt  
April 23rd - Mission Sunday  
April 30th - Mission Recap  
May 7th will be 2nd Sunday Dinner/Club 345/Youth due to Mother's Day on May 14  
May 14th Pancake Breakfast for Mother's Day hopefully with Children's choir + youth singing  
June 11th graduation Sunday / last 2nd Sunday Dinner/Club 345/Youth till September  
June 18th Father's Day  
End of June - 1st Summer Hike

looking ahead...

VBS July 24-27 with VBS Sunday and Picnic on July 30th  
Summer Youth Group will start July 9th  
Possible Youth Mission Trip Week of August 6th  
There will be Summer Hikes in July and August too

In addition to these youth and family events, Colleen mentioned two upcoming events:

- **Picnics in the Park:** These are picnics where everyone brings their own dinner and gathers on our property for a relaxed social dinnertime. These would happen over the summer, in June, July, and August. Colleen wanted advice about dates, so we agreed upon the third Monday in the month. Since that puts it right before Core Leadership meetings, it might be easier for CL members to come.
- **Mariners Game:** Colleen was trying to find a good date in August to get a block of Mariners tickets. August is a good time, because we can encourage folks to sign up during Vacation Bible School in July. There weren't a lot of dates to choose from, and she had narrowed it down to August 14, 15, or 16.

We agreed that Tuesday, August 15 would be a good time. View level tickets are \$13.00, which is a pretty good deal.

- Lazy F Memorial Day Mission Trip: sign ups will begin on April 1.

Jean Harris mentioned that the UMW Spring Salad Supper will be on Monday, April 24. She also mentioned Mission U, a conference event scheduled for July 14-17 in Ellensburg. The event includes speakers with various mission experiences as well as break out workshops on a variety of topics. It is targeted at UMW members, but anyone can come.

Katie mentioned that the Young Adult group will be meeting at the church on April 8 for chili and board games.

So no one will be running out of interesting things to do for the next few months!

Stewardship Update: Pledge cards will be sent out next week. Colleen and Katie volunteered to provide the stewardship moment this week (March 26). We still need someone to do the stewardship moment on April 2. Pledge cards will be due on April 9, which is Palm Sunday.

### New Business

Associate Pastor: We currently have two strong candidates for a part-time associate pastor position. We also have money allocated for the position in the 2017-2018 budget. SPR and Core Leadership will investigate this further with the District Superintendent and decide on a course of action.

Kitchen Oven Hood: It looks like the ovens we have are not adequate for our use. A generous donor is giving us new ovens, but with them we will need a new oven hood. Because of our needs it must be a custom built commercial hood. Rich and the Trustees have been investigating this for some time and have decided that our best and cheapest option is \$26,000. After we all went through the five stages of grief—denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance—we concluded that this was an overrun that we would have to build into our kitchen capital funds drive, just as we would any normal, if frustrating, overrun in a large building project.

*Proposal: It was moved that we include the necessary \$26,000 in our continuing capital fund drive to pay off the kitchen. The proposal passed unanimously.*

Aldersgate T-shirt: Robbin requested guidance on a t-shirt design to make available to the congregation. After brief discussion, we decided on a dark heather gray shirt with white lettering, with the UMC cross and flame and our name on the front, and our name and four components of our mission statement (Faith, Love, Health, and Service) on the back. This is more costly than a simpler version, but there was some general agreement that it was a good investment in letting folks know who we are. Robbin promised to put together a mock-up to share with the group and to shop

around for a good price. The goal is still to have the shirts available by April 23 for Mission Sunday.

Reconciling Congregation: At this point, it was after 9:00, so we decided to table addition items (the org chart, bulletin change, and becoming a reconciling congregation) until next month. Joe did ask that we give thoughtful consideration to becoming a reconciling congregation, and he will resend the information on this topic that he shared a few months back.

Katie Olleman closed the meeting in prayer

These minutes humbly submitted by Robbin Price. Any errors or omissions are mine, and corrections are gratefully accepted.