

DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2019

7:00 p.m.

Members:

Lisa Bansen-Harp (Deacon)

Sheila Svoboda (DCFM)

Cathy Melver

Rae Leonard

Ed Labbe (Elder)

Marian Wahl (Deacon)

Mallory Gray (Youth Coordinator)

Jon Hauerwas (Pastor)

Opening Prayer

Approval of January 8, 2019 minutes

Agenda: Additions/Corrections

UPDATES:

YOUTH EDUCATION/ACTIVITIES – Mallory Gray

- Vision Team Status: Mallory held meeting on 1/27 and another is scheduled for 2/24.
- Youth Mission Trip Ideas: Youth Conference instead of a mission trip was not favored at Vision Team meeting. Thought is something small/regional this year and possibly a large trip in 2020. Mallory is researching local/regional ideas. There are two local mission groups that help churches organize of missions.
Jon mentioned that his former church in Columbus worked with other churches, hosting mission groups in the church. This is a third possibility if they are still doing so.
- Youth Event – Bowling with Fundraiser (Sub sale) -2/2/19
3 youth and one adult helped make the subs.
 - Mike Grau helped organize at Riviera Lanes
 - \$505 is the final tally. 39 subs were sold (+ some donations). Most were ordered ahead of time; all the extras sold out too. Perhaps in future years it would be worth making more extras, as there was more interest in the extras than there were sandwiches.
- Youth are requested to volunteer for 3rd Sunday Dinner on 3/17/19 with Mike Grau.
- Next Youth Event – Youth Service Project and Lock-In – 4/5-4/6/19
 - Hands on project at Haven of Rest? The youth don't feel they were given a truly meaningful role last year, so Mallory is looking for another possibility, perhaps the Food Bank or One-of-a-Kind Pets. Before a decision is made, Mallory will contact Sean at Ministry Architects to see if there was a commitment made to Haven of Rest for this year.
 - A possibility for an activity during the lock-in: painting the Youth Coordinator's office.
 - Kacey Yates-Gable to help organize?
 - Bulletin and Sunday Updates: 3/24 and 3/31/19
 - Pulpit Announcement: 3/31/19

- Fairlawn Hunger Walk on 5/5/19? Jon forwarded flyer to Outreach and Youth. This seems to be more of an all-ages event than a specifically youth one. In the past, some of the youth have walked with their families.
- Befrienders (Anna-Marie Wilton) had suggested the Youth do the Valentine flower delivery to OH Living on 2/14, but with Valentines being a school day, this is not feasible.
Befrienders recently was taken under Deacons' umbrella. For this year, the Sunday School children made paper Valentines that will be delivered along with the flowers.

ADULT EDUCATION - Rae Leonard

- February/March – Rae: “Amos Said What?!!” examine role of Old Testament prophet Amos who dealt with social justice issues. The classes have solicited a lot of discussion.
- April 7 & 14: Jon will teach classes on the theme of ‘Images of Lent,’ the same theme as the Lenten evotionals.
- Rae will offer a class for the adults on Easter Sunday, as there are often parents around while their children are busy with the Easter Egg Hunt.
- After Easter - Rae: TBD

PRAYER QUILT MINISTRY – Marian Wahl

- After a two-month hiatus, the group is back at work. They would welcome suggestions for quilt recipients.

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES - Sheila Svoboda

- Parenting Speaker – 2019
 - 40% (\$384.40) of last year's Pentecost donation will go to toward the event.
 - Godly Play training double-header: one day of training for the Sunday School teachers plus a session with parents on how to support their children's spiritual development in the context of the Godly Play curriculum / approach.
 - Sheila has invited other local churches to participate, but has yet to hear back.
 - Will be the first weekend of March 2019 (3/1-3/2).
 - Rev. Emily Griffith is returning as our trainer.
 - Sheila is inviting the same other churches as last time.
 - Minute for Ministry on 2/24 (Sheila)
 - Crockpots of soup for Fri., March 1: Marian, Mallory, Sheila, Lisa will make soup (and possibly Kara H.)
 - For Saturday, March 2, we need someone to put the lunch out and clean up afterward. Kevin Melver (volunteered by Cathy)?
- Library Conversation - Future curriculum may deal with subject of human sexuality.
- Tween Service Event with Good Neighbors 2/9/19 – 3 tweens led by Margo Works did a lot of work.
- March 10. Sheila will hand out the Lenten collection fish-shaped boxes to the children during church.
- Easter Egg Hunt – 4/21/19 10 AM
- Tween Earth Day Service Event – 4/28/19 Noon – 2 PM
- Sheila met with the VBS group. The theme will be ‘The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss.’ They will soon begin writing the curriculum.

CHURCH-WIDE DISCIPLESHIP EVENTS

- Chili Cook Off and Talent Show: March 9, 2019.
 - Call for acts / art / etc. (via four weeks of Sunday updates and bulletins and a sign-up sheet at Connection Point)
 - Ed wrote the announcement in the Script and the Sunday/Bulletin updates. We added Lisa's email address in the Sunday update email.
 - Lisa: Moment for Ministry 2/10/19
 - Lisa has solicited Deacon's help. Several deacons have signed up to bake cornbread / corn muffins. Others will bring in loaner crockpots for cooks who may need one. Lisa will ask for help with clean-up at the next Deacon's meeting
 - Guidelines and details for all categories have been posted by the sign-up sheets (5 min. for performances; mounting of 2-d artwork; dates for submission of artwork; etc.) Lisa will send a copy to Ed so it can go in the binder for future reference.
 - CHILI-COOK-OFF – We can have tickets to vote for the best chili. Sheila will organize this.
 - Discipleship will provide the chili trimmings (shredded cheese, sour cream, tortilla chips, veggie tray, etc.). Sheila will do the shopping.
 - Dinner at 5:30, with performances starting 6:15-ish for an hour or so.
 - Jon will M.C.
 - We will have a house band: James Gray, Alcee Chriss, Walter Hayes.
 - We will have the dance floor available for the live acts.
 - We need to put together the program once we see the sign-ups. There are few so far, mostly children. We have extended sign-up to Sunday, Feb. 24.
 - There is one video entry. We will need someone who knows how to operate the screen in Wright-Herberich.
 - We need to decide on any just-for-fun awards.
 - We will need to set up displays of arts and crafts—on Fri., March 8 or early in the day on March 9? We will need to display visual arts / crafts in a way that makes them visible to children but keeps them safe from accidents. Location – Library?
 - Lisa will type up the program when it is established.
 - Perhaps approach the Blahas (tuba and French horn); the choir; Bruce Stebner; others?

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Library refresh - Cathy Melver
 - Need a survey to include questions pertaining to whether Library Conversations on Sunday morning hinders library use.
- Shelley Koutnik suggested looking into the Educational Program at Weathervane Playhouse. They have a contact in the Cleveland area and jointly present an artistic/educational program about Teen Suicide. The program is \$200 and she wondered if this would be a possibility for the local Pentecost project in 2019. We already have the funds from last year earmarked for the parenting speaker, but we could consider this for late fall 2019. Mallory can be the contact since she is involved with youth. With this topic, we would need to reach out broadly in the community with publicity.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mallory has noticed a number of young couples who drop their babies at the nursery and go to church. She suggested starting a discussion group that is couples / relationship-based (similar to the Library Conversations for parents). Perhaps run it as a once-a-month class in lieu of the Library Conversations. Mallory could lead. We would need to take the idea to Session for discussion. Idea: run a couple pilots in the spring before starting a series in the fall?

ADULT FELLOWSHIP? Cathy will start it off with a call to join other WPC folks at a fish fry during Lent (in the bulletin and Update on March 10). The list of venues is published in the Akron Beacon Journal on Ash Wednesday. Date: March 15. The goal would be to gather people every two months or so for an outing or dinner.

Closing Prayer

Next meeting – March 12, 2019 @ 7 p.m.