

1/9/2011

Unity of the Lakes
P.O. Box 206
West Branch, MI 48661

Unity of the Lakes Advisory Team Meeting

Opening Prayer: Eileen Patra

Called to order: 1pm

Roll Call: Ned Falk, Barb Falk, Eileen Patra Carol Barton, Craig Barton, Lorna Bergman, Nichelle Bergman, Paul Bergman, Denny Troester

Review of minutes: Lorna motioned to accept minutes, Craig seconded. Denny noted a small error in the date given for the Financial Statement and made the correction on minutes. All were in favor of accepting the minutes with correction noted.

Ministers Report. A full report For November and December is attached. Eileen had a few areas she wanted to highlight with board members including: the upcoming Interfaith Good Friday Service being planned, Addressing concerns with other Ministers in regards to the current status of our local Habitat for Humanity collectively and Eileen's decision to be a part of a written document addressing concerns about the internal structure of this group. Also, outlining some of the future workshops and development of small group discussion for church development. Lastly, Eileen wanted to discuss our recent meeting with a realtor to look at a Church in Sterling as well as discuss other properties that are being reviewed. Craig made a motion to accept the report, Denny seconded, all in attendance were in favor of the motion to accept.

Treasurers report: November and December 2010 Reports are included.

November Report: 11/30/2010

Beginning Accrual Balance:\$7840.26

Income:\$1.661.50

Expenses:\$1.162.98

Ending Accrual Balance:

Available Checking: \$7980.14

December 12/31/2010

Beginning Accrual Balance: \$8.338.78

Income: \$1.091.10

Expenses: \$1092.20

Ending Accrual Balance: \$8.337.68

Available checking: \$7.7730

Craig highlighted a few areas that we need to be mindful of, 1. Our overall expenses were relatively unchanged in these two months, whereas our income is expected to drop as we have received nearly all

of the grant monies proposed to us now. With this in mind as well as our continued search for purchasing a building Craig suggested that We meet as a Visioning Subcommittee to Brainstorm. The focus of the session will be how to decide what we want to decide, as well as a review of Vision, finance, and growth in Subcommittees. A Date of February 12th was set and a suggestion to use the Forwards conference setting was made as a means to get ourselves into a different space to give us a more open vision and more comfortable setting. Denny motioned to approve, Lorna Seconded all in favor were in support.

Discussion:

Craig also suggest we begin to consider ways to collect interest on our savings. All the paper work to switch our accounts to Northland Federal Credit union have been acquired. Eileen requested a profit and loss summary from Craig.

Visioning Subcommittee (see above discussion)

Closet space; Ned was able to fit the new podium into our existing space, We will have to keep up on organizing since we have been moved to a smaller area.

A 6 month renewal lease was presented to us from the Masons. It was group consensus that we renew our lease.

Children's ministry: Craig, Ned and Steve are getting lessons prepared in advance. The wide age range of youth attending poses some challenges in terms of lessons. Paul and Nichelle were asked for feedback, but, had no additional comments.

Music Ministry: Eileen will run an add indicating that we are searching for a keyboardist for Sunday Services. There was some discussion, but all present were in support of the ad.

Old Business:

Thanksgiving Interfaith Service, Christmas House : Those that participated in these events had many positive comments about the events. All agreed that continued participation in both events not only helped increase our visibility, but, also proved to promote individual spiritual growth.

New Business:

Chaplaincy Training. Eileen discussed the schedule of this training and deadline for registration.

Bereavement Fund: It was agreed that the Board wishes to allow for a set amount of monies to be dedicated to providing support to members and regular participants to our events during times of loss. Craig noted that we had a set amount of money in our account in 2010 that we had never accessed. An Amount of \$50 was suggested for these occasions. The purpose of having the money available will be to allow our church to react immediately in times of loss to our fellowship. Craig made a motion of support, Denny seconded, all in attendance were in support.

Announcements:

Eileen discussed some ideals for upcoming workshops, but, due to an intense schedule was unable to confirm any dates. Some members discussed the desire to meet in a small group setting outside of the Church. Both the Falk family and the Barton family offered the use of their home for spiritual cinema and other group events.

Denny made a motion to close meeting at 2:45 pm , Craig seconded, all were in favor. Eileen led the group in a closing prayer.

February 13, 2011

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Meeting opened 12:45 pm

Opening Prayer: Eileen Patra

Roll Call: Eileen Patra, Rose Ammond, Barb Falk, Ned Falk, Sheryl Smith, Craig Barton, Carol Barton, Rik Gleason, Paul Bergman, Nichelle Bergman, Lydia Bergman, Denny Troester

Review of minutes: Lorna made a motion to accept the minutes, Sheryl seconded. All were in favor. The minutes were approved.

Ministers Report: Eileen submitted a typed report that is attached. There was some discussion regarding the Easter Interfaith Service theme. Eileen noted that she has made a few changes in the order of our services as a means to experiment. Eileen discussed Her ordination and Banquets, some members shared interest in attending. Eileen's report is attached. Craig made a motion to accept the Ministers report, Lorna seconded. All were in favor the report was approved.

Financial Report: Craig submitted a Monthly Statement if Income (1/31/2011)

Beginning Accrual Balance:	\$8,271.93
Total Income	\$3,011.62
Expenses:	\$798.36
Ministers Manse:	\$1,173.05
Total Expenses:	\$1,988.67
Ending Accrual Balance:	\$9,294.89
Available Checking	\$8,118.62

It is noted that the minister's compensation is 100% Manse.

Craig also reported that he would like to provide a link on the Unity of the Lakes Website with financial statements that any one with interest can review. Eileen noted that the financial statements for 2010 have already been posted to this link and that future statements will be added as they are accepted by the Advisory Team. There was also discussion on the love offering listed for Sherry Lester. Barb made a motion to allow for a \$50 dollar amount to be sent to Sherry as a love offering. Lorna seconded. There was discussion. The motion failed. Barb made a new motion for the amount of \$68.08 to be sent as a love offering. Lorna seconded. All present were in favor. The motion passed. Our Citizens bank account was closed and the monies from this account were transferred to Northland Federal Credit Union. The intention of this is so that we can now have an open account with Northland with the plan to transfer all of our accounts to this institution. Craig suggest that we keep \$1000 in our PNC account until were are assured that all checks have cleared. Eileen and Craig were to meet after the advisory meeting to get all the paper work organized for this transition. Eileen had also gathered information on CD rates for Craig to review. Craig and Eileen are now authorized to make transactions and Barb will be added to the account as soon as possible,

A full Report is attached. Denny motioned to accept Treasurer's report, Lorna seconded. All present were in favor, the report was approved.

Visioning/Building improvement Subcommittees

Craig will present the "Love That Strategy Workshop" Saturday, February 26th from 3:00pm to 7:00pm Barb and Ned will not be able to attend. We discussed having the Workshop video taped so that they be included in the process.

Children's Ministry (Steve, Ned, Craig, Sheryl) Eileen announced Steve's availability may be limited due to work commitments. There was no other discussion. Denny motioned to accept report, Sheryl seconded, The report was approved.

Music Ministry; Denny reported that Paul has been helping with the music. Denny also reported that he has been using albums and tapes as he does not have internet access to download new music. Members reported liking the music being selected. Sheryl motioned to accept report, Barb seconded. The report was approved.

Women of Spirit: continue to meet and have discussed the ideal of painting affirmations on small rocks, then spreading them throughout the town anonymously Members reported liking this ideal. Sheryl motioned to accept report, Lorna seconded. All present were in favor, The report was approved.

New Business. In March we will be holding our Annual all membership meeting. Craig's Term on Treasure is up, as well as Sheryl's term on member at large. Both indicated a willingness to continue in these roles.

Announcements. Denny reminded members that he will not be present on March 6. Rik and Paul will help with music. Several members will arrive early to help with set up.

Sheryl mad a motion to adjourn. Denny seconded. All present were in favor the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm with a closing prayer lead by Lorna.