

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Leadership Council Meeting
April 16, 2009

Attendees: 15 members, 9 guests (see attendance log)

I. Welcome / Devotion

Rebecca O'Neal chaired the meeting in Larry's absence. She shared a reading from the Upper Room on Holy Friendship.

II. Faces of St. Andrew

Peggy Herring chaired the youth auction. The youth along with the youth of St. Luke were responsible for the Sunrise Service at Shea Stadium—200 people attended. The snowhounds cooked hamburgers at A Basin and shared lunch with a group from a Methodist Church in Nebraska.

At this time the meeting was adjourned briefly for a Charge Conference.

III. Approval of Minutes

Minutes were approved as read.

IV. 2009 Strategic Planning Update

The Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for Saturday from 9:00 – 3:00. The weather is expected to be snowy so Cindy Bates brought up who would make the decision if the meeting is postponed and how will people be notified. It was decided that Dave, Rebecca, and Chuck Curtis would make the decision and send out emails on Friday afternoon. Chuck will put the information on the church website and a blast email will be sent to the congregation.

V. Committee Reports

Steering – no report

Trustees – Brant Dillon

Brant announced the Trustees spring workday will be May 30. They will be adding sand to the sand box and planting flowers along with other fix-up duties. The Trustees have been reviewing the Emergency Preparedness Plan on how to take care of people in the building in case of an emergency. They are also looking to see if we are prepared to be a shelter in the event of an emergency in the community.

Finance – Josh Van Manen

Josh reported that through April 10, contributions have improved 9% ahead of last year and we are currently 11% ahead of budget. He commended the ministry areas as almost all are coming in under budget. We are \$135,000 to the positive. Josh will continue to monitor the trends in giving.

SPRC – Bev French

The employee handbook is in the final review stage—should be completed in about a month. SPRC approved filling the Outreach position recently vacated by Jill Burbach. The job opening will be advertised soon.

Executive Director – Chuck Curtis

No report.

Sr. Pastor – Harvey Martz

Harvey reported that more people than last year attended the Easter services. The overflow/satellite areas such as the chapel and the youth room need better audio / video equipment as the sound was not clear to some. Harvey gave an example of one family who are members of St. Andrew that arrived 20 minutes early and could not find a seat in the sanctuary and they are leaving the church. As an example of Radical Hospitality, Harvey suggested that current members sit in the overflow areas and allow new people to sit in the sanctuary. 65 first time families signed the Friendship Pad.

Music – Mark Zwilling

Mark encouraged everyone to attend the organ recital on Sunday. There are still tickets available. Mark also noted that the couple who are performing were willing to renegotiate their fee due to the church's financial problems.

VI. Old Business

OIT Activities

Bill Hornaday reported that OIT has revised some of the recommendations based on feedback from Leadership Council last month. They have met with SPRC and Finance Committees. They are ready for the first reading of the recommendations with the 2nd and final reading in May at which time Leadership Council will vote on the adoption of the recommendations.

OIT will conduct workshops to facilitate the understanding of the recommendations. These will be held on April 23 and April 27 from 5:00 – 7:00. An email reminder will be sent out for these meetings.

Building Committee

Building Committee is on schedule for the design development phase to be completed by May 1. They have completed all of the Tier 1 decisions and are currently working on Tier 2, which focuses more on the interior design elements. Next the drawings will be sent to Franzen Pittman and the committee should receive final pricing by May 26. They are planning a six-week education process before the church conference, which will be held on June 28 or July 12. We are still on schedule for a Fall 2010 opening.

Youth Auction

A reminder to everyone that the Youth Auction is on Sunday. The meal will be served from 4:30 – 6:30. The Silent Auction is from 3:30 to 6:15 with the Live Auction beginning at 6:30.

VII. Joys and Concerns, Closing Prayer

Joys and concerns were shared and Jerry Herships closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8.35. The next meeting date is Thursday, May 21.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean McHarge, Secretary