

St. Andrew United Methodist Church
Leadership Council Meeting
March 27, 2008

Attendees: 22 members, 13 guests (see attendance log)

I. Welcome / Devotion

Rebecca O'Neal called the meeting to order and read Acts 4:31 and a devotional reading.

II. Service Recognition for Carole Lhotka

John Lynass from SPRC led the recognition and thanks to Carole Lhotka for her many years of service to St. Andrew. The staff thoughts of Carole were turned into a song by Ken Medema. Committee members also offered words of thanks.

III. Approval of Leadership Council Minutes from February

Minutes were seconded and approved.

IV. Vision Web

Bob Tipton shared a team building activity called the Vision Web. Some outcomes reported by the group after this activity were as follows:

1. We must be open to the ideas of others
2. It is easier to complete a task when you can see the finished product.
3. A strong leader is necessary.
4. The leader must be willing to share the rewards.
5. The leader must have a good vision.
6. The leader must be good at removing barriers.
7. A shared vision empowers everyone to act.

V. Committee Reports

Sr. Pastor – Harvey reported that the Follow the Vision campaign still has about \$700,000 outstanding. Letters were sent out this week to remind members to bring their pledges up to date.

Executive Director – Chuck Curtis

Chuck reported that we will have good budget information this year. A new accountant has been hired—Ilona Apay will begin on Monday.

Trustees – Brant Dillon

Brant reported that 14 tons of gravel and 2 tons of sand will be delivered on Saturday to prepare the CLC playground for the NAEYC accreditation inspection. The after hours greeters have been hired. The intersection of

White Bay and University will be the subject of a traffic study this fall to see if we qualify for a traffic light.

Steering – Larry Mugler

Larry encouraged everyone to attend the Strategic Planning Workshop on April 18 –19.

Finance – Don Ingle

Don reported that Susan Lewkow, the new Finance Director is getting things organized in the accounting office. The finance committee would like to be more effective in communicating with the congregation through The Messenger or the weekly announcements in the bulletin.

SPRC – John Lynass

John reported that the SPRC greatly appreciated the \$75,000 allocated by Leadership Council in order to hire the new finance director and staff accountant. The next position to be filled will be the part time administrative assistant for the clergy. SPRC is also considering some other positions which may be filled.

Planned Giving - Wilma Anderson

Wilma reported that Planned Giving / Endowments has received several requests for information about giving to specific MALTs. She requested that each ministry come up with a “wish list” for their ministry area so that when inquiries come in, the group will have a list to work from.

Process Planning Team – Dave Pfeifle

Dave gave a brief overview of the Strategic Planning Workshop, which will be held April 18 – 19. The agenda on Friday evening will consist of 10 –12 minute presentations from the ministry areas. Saturday will include small group discussions with the goal of generating a prioritized list. The large group will select 5 major issues to focus on and develop a strategic plan from the ideas generated.

Welcoming and Children’s Ministries

Christy Boyle wanted to thank the 70 plus people who volunteered in children’s ministries on Easter Sunday enabling their parents to attend worship.

Written reports were submitted by Pathways, Youth, Children’s, Lifespot, and Servant Ministries.

VI. New Business

Building Committee Recommendations – Brad McNealy & Allen Amis
Brad and Allen reviewed the work of the building committee and the capital campaign committee up to the present time.

The following two recommendations were submitted from the Building Committee for action by the Leadership Council:

Recommendation #1

To provide for SAUMC's perceived future ministry needs, the Building Committee recommends an expansion of the existing facility by approximately 30,000 additional, finished square feet and 17,500 square feet of unfinished "shell" space in combination with the completion of the parking lots as contemplated in the Master Plan. The additional space will be comprised of a new sanctuary to accommodate increasing attendance at worship services as well as additional space for current and projected program and administrative needs.

Based on very preliminary studies, the cost of the expansion is projected to be approximately \$12,000,000. More accurate cost estimates will be available only after design details are determined and drawings are completed (Design Phase).

While the results of the current capital campaign will not be known until the end of May, it is fairly certain that SAUMC will need to borrow additional funds to finance the new construction and retire the existing debt. The Building Committee encourages Leadership Council to be prepared to endorse to a church conference the concept of borrowing the balance of the funds needed. Specific terms and conditions of the proposed new, long-term borrowing will depend greatly on market conditions at the time of loan origination. The Building Committee intends to present a financing recommendation to Leadership Council prior to the church conference.

Recommendation #2

The Building Committee also recommends contracting the services of SlaterPaul Architects, Inc. (architect) and CresaPartners, Inc. (project manager) to complete the Design Phase. It is anticipated that the combined cost of these services will be approximately \$300,000 and will be paid from the capital funds to come from the 2008 – 2011 capital campaign. In addition to extending the architectural and project management support utilized in the Study Phase, the Building Committee also feels the addition of the expertise of a general contractor is needed for the Design Phase. At this time, however, no contractual or economic discussions have been held with any general contractors.

If Leadership Council endorses these recommendations, the congregation will be asked to approve them through a Church Conference sometime in early June.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the recommendations from the Building Committee. The recommendations were approved unanimously.

Share Colorado – Terri Lowe, Jill Burbach, Martha Thompson

Martha Thompson explained Share Colorado as an outreach opportunity to save 30 – 50% on groceries. Share Colorado has been operating since 1989. There are currently no pick-up locations in the south metro area. St. Andrew could become a part of this ministry and be of benefit to families in need in the south metro area. Orders are placed on line during the 1st week of the month on the Share Colorado website. Orders would be picked up at the church on the last Saturday of the month. There would also be an opportunity to add \$10 per order to benefit local food banks.

A motion to approve this Outreach Ministry expansion request was made, seconded, and approved.

VII. Joys and Concerns, Closing Prayer

Joys and concerns were shared and Larry Mugler closed the meeting in prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00. The next meeting date is Thursday, April 17.

Respectfully submitted,

Jean McHarge, Secretary