

Ministry Team Meeting

April 1, 2019

The meeting opened at 7:15 following a brief meeting with the Profile Team to go over the process we will follow to work as a group on the Call Agreement Scope of Work.

Attendees: Pastor Chris Hart, Sandy Keene, Kim Mosley, Linda Paulet, Susan D'angelo and Jennifer Petersen.

The group began by welcoming Sue D'angelo. Susan has agreed to take on the role of Minister of Worship! Linda Paulet will mentor her for as long as needed. We then began to discuss the very serious situation of needing a Minister of Faith Formation. Caroline Cranos has completed her two year commitment and we need to find a replacement ASAP. Pastor Chris is going to make an announcement from the pulpit over the next few weeks.

Jen Petersen then presented the group with a proposal to enter into an online giving program with VANCO. The group was presented with the cost breakdown between four different companies for this service and it looks like VANCO is the most competitively priced. They also specialize in church giving so they are familiar with the needs of our organization. The group agreed to authorize this program.

Jen then introduced the United Church Mission to the Ministry Team. This is the UCC's rather new manner in which they are funding our common mission. Rather than paying "dues" per member to the United Church of Christ and/or our local association, United Church Mission asks the church to prayerfully consider what they can pay. Essentially they are asking for a percentage of our income from pledges, donations, rent and fundraisers. In past years what we have paid in "dues" has equaled about 1% of our income. Therefore, this is the beginning point that the UCC asks us to start with UCM. The Ministers agreed that Jen should put this figure into the 2019-2020 budget and be prepared to defend the expense at the upcoming Special Meeting.

Pastor Chris has shared his upcoming vacation schedule with no changes to what he shared last month. He will ensure that all dates are on the church calendar.

Minister Check Ins:

Linda Paulet reported that she is delighted to be handing over the reins to Sue D'angelo!! Nothing else to report.

Sandy reported on the status of several projects. One is the PPP crash bar door project. It will cost about \$4,000. She and Marie McCall, PPP Director, have discussed this and agree that asking for financial support from the PPP families could help in fundraising this project. The plan is to approach them in early May. The congregation will also be asked to contribute later in the month. Whatever is not raised will be split between GCC and PPP.

Sandy also reported that she has been working the Pentucket Art Foundation and they will have a traveling art show this summer. The ministers agreed to have the art show here at GCC the week of July 15th. It is hoped that by sharing our space with the community, more folks will learn a little bit about who we are!

Kim Mosley, Minister of Outreach, reported on a couple of potential volunteers for the search team as well as a possible "shepherd" for the Outreach Ministry.

The One Great Hour of Sharing collection was begun this weekend with almost \$300 collected. Kim will get the OGHS envelopes out of the pew racks after this coming Sunday, 4/7.

Security Cameras: We have the estimate from Daniels Electric to set us up for better wireless internet throughout the building. It will be \$840. Kim states that Missions has \$400 to contribute to this as they are paying \$600 toward the

security cameras for the Thrift Shop and they budgeted \$1000 total. The group authorized spending the necessary \$440 plus another \$350 for the materials from the Building and Maintenance Fund. Chris will contact Daniels and get started. This will provide wifi throughout the building which is necessary for the Snowflake Fair vendors to conduct their sales.

Pastor Chris also presented an estimate from Baldini Plumbing to repair the heat issue in the parsonage. At most it will cost \$1,000. They need to service and flush the boiler (\$360). If they need to replace any pipes or steam vents after this is done, the cost will be about \$530. The Ministry Team authorized the payment for the work to be done from the B and M fund.

Pastor Chris also discussed upcoming plans and ideas for a celebration of our one year anniversary of becoming an Open and Affirming Congregation.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm. The next two meetings will be Monday April 22nd at 7:15 to meet with the Profile Team again and then May 6th at 7 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Petersen

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