

LEADERSHIP TEAM MINUTES

April 21, 2011

SKYPE meeting from eight locations at 1:30 pm

Attending: Mark Barger-Elliott, Rick Campbell, John Cox, Leslie Gilreath, Linda Knieriemen, Chris Prokos, Jeff O'Neill, Larry Slager, Anne Weirich, Zoe Wilcox. Staff: *John Best, Katherine Culpepper, Janet Magennis*

Members excused: Seth Weeldreyer

DEVOTIONS: Larry Slager read from John 11 and spoke to Jesus human-ness.

MINUTES of the March 17th meeting were approved by email and received at the stated meeting on April 12th.

VISIONING

- General Presbyter's John Best shared information regarding the Middle Governing Bodies surveys; resources on the amendments process; and Church Growth news from the Four Fires, Holland Korean and Journey projects.
- GROWING THE CHURCH DEEP AND WIDE: The group shared notes from the April 12th stated meeting. The first-time elder commissioner training went very well and the body seemed to appreciate the time to discuss nFOG. Our Synod executive's sermon was well-received also. Surveys indicated that the retirement celebration and worship segments throughout the day were very special. The large, positive nFOG vote was unexpected, prompting a check with the day's roll which showed the numbers matching exactly. The multiple luncheon opportunities kept everyone moving and involved.
- Thematic and worship ideas for presbytery meetings in 2011 were shared. It was felt that worship should be early in June with a focus on wholeness and healing and contemplation. June 14th stated meeting and worship details will be needed in the office by May 31.
- Communications Task Force: John Best has been recruiting members to share ideas, including Karen Fitz LaBarge, Zoe Wilcox, Janet Magennis, Jane McGookey to work with him.

COUNCIL/LEADERSHIP TEAM BUSINESS

1. Budget & Finance investment earnings policy adopted last year generated about \$31,000 to apply in 2011. It was recommended that we add a sunset clause to the policy so funds designated for use are recalled for other applications if not spent. The uses should also meet the presbytery's foci and goals. We decided it could be called the **Deep and Wide Fund**. Linda Knieriemen and Cully Culpepper will continue on with some initiatives in process.
 - a. The request from Jackson First in seeking to partner with the Presbytery to hire a seminary intern for the 2011-2012 year became the first recipient. They are seeking financial support for this of \$7200. It was felt that this seminarian could also support some strategies for the presbytery in working with the young adult membership.
 - b. Sexual Misconduct Policy Workshop expenses not budgeted because the direction of the process was not designed at the budget time was allocated \$2500.

MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS/BOOK OF ORDER COMMITTEE UPDATES with focus on priorities as we have set them

1. AMT – minutes received. The Stated Clerk will work with AMT representatives to update the Operations Manual with a draft for review at the May 19 Leadership Team meeting. The Stewardship Workshop will be May 21.
2. DMT –
 - a. Moving the separate bank account for the Alma Youth Mix has met with resistance due to the sharing of funds with the Presbytery of Lake Huron. The YST will continue to work on this.

- b. Andy Thorburn and Brian Koon are working on some cooperative ministry ideas with SMT.
- c. Thorburn will be asked to re-publish the FOCI documents in a user-friendly format. Some good discussion yielded these points: Good things are happening; budget season begins soon; we need a Ministry Plan for all to share that could be a poster like our other ministry team posters. Anne Weirich's assistant was suggested as being able to help with formatting such a poster; we need to update our achievements often.
- 3. OMT – Emerging Ministry Grants were mentioned again as a resources for groups within the presbytery. Best reported on day-long conversations with the Presbytery of Detroit, visioning for 90-minute workshops on Evangelism at stated meetings. Zoe Wilcox indicated that she and Chris Prokos are ready to share their report on the Cherry Valley project with Church Growth.
- 4. SMT – In the planning is the November 4-5 retreat on Spiritual Direction. This will be introduced at the June 14th meeting and we should all suggest several names to Larry Slager.
- 5. Book of Order Committees:
 - a. COM is pursuing a new format for working with churches and clerks, focusing on building relationships.
 - b. Nominating is creating a new GA Commissioner application form.
- 6. Other: A Scholarship Task Force is being staffed by Leslie Keusch. Church Growth Committee is working with the Four Fires ministry to look at validating of the mission within our polity.

ADJOURNMENT: 3:pm

NEXT MEETING: **May 19, 2011 12:30 lunch to 3pm @ PLM office**

DEVOTIONS: Leslie Gilreath

MEAL: Jeff O'Neill

Recorded by Janet Magennis, Stated Clerk
