

# Joint SLC-OMG Special Meeting

February 12, 2017, 12:00-2:15 pm

Attending: SLC members, OMG members, Pastor Keith

All read the Strategic Leadership Council (SLC) Guiding Principles

## OMG Mission & Vision statements

- All read the OMG draft mission statement
- Discussion on named geographical areas in the Mission Statement, beyond Bellevue-Dayton, and our definition and sense of “community.”
- Agreement that hospitality is part of OMG’s activities. ACTION: add to the mission statement.
- Discussion on verbs used – *develop, coordinate* are good, and do not require OMG to *implement* everything.
- Focus and priority should be on what has most impact on the local community.

Gratitude expressed for OMG’s work to date. OMG is working on gathering information on impact of their work (e.g., number of people supported by recent collection of nursery/baby items).

## Discussion of OMG Questions

### Building Security

- Louise discussed activities related to building security in the past two years, and how we are seeking to enhance our church security.
- Louise is continuing to work with Dale Sexton and others on creating a building diagram for emergency personnel (fire, police).
- New usher team setup placement now in place – one person at Fairfield Ave door to open door and welcome people. Louise plans to Each usher team will decide how to best handle accessible lobby door and monitoring this during the service.
- The Ward Ave and parking lot stairs doors will remain locked during the service and special events.
- Intercom needs at the accessible door are being addressed. Lonnie is meeting with a vendor about this on February 13.
- OMG Concerns:
  - OMG members only have key cards for accessible door. If a door is found unlocked, they have no way to address this.
  - Concerns with locking the accessible door during Friendship Center or Senior Meal. This is not a good option, since not all visitors have a phone. Until we have an intercom in place, OMG will consider scheduling someone to be present at the accessible door, for both welcome and security. As a gesture of welcome, this practice may continue even after the intercom is installed.

### Cub Scout Plans

- No word on plans for this yet.
- Cub Scouts will make most use of the fellowship hall, which raises the need to schedule other rooms in the church for Friendship Center, Senior Meals, and such.
- Cub Scouts will be very accommodating to our needs, and may be able to provide volunteer support for church needs down the road (cleaning, yard work, etc).
- Everyone needs to be aware of what harmful chemicals could be stored in the kitchen and other areas of the church, so that these are out of reach of children.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Friendship Center

- OMG is interested in doing a trial of a 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday Friendship Center, based on feedback from 2-3 interested individuals who are unable to attend the Wednesday Friendship Center.
- This event would be different from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Senior Meal. Friendship Center does not have a meal (just snacks). Focus is on group discussions, social activity, games and crafts, and fellowship.
- Discussion on sharing contact information for those people engaging in OMG activities (Friendship Center, Senior Meal) with the church office. These individuals will be added to the church contact database, to receive further info about the church (newsletter, etc). ACTION: Will Tackett will send spreadsheet with contact info to Pastor Keith, as well as updates over time.

#### OMG Storage

- Discussion on bank vault storage, as OMG needs some storage space for their decorations and materials. There are many old items not related to church archives that should be reviewed and potentially discarded. Due to space constraints, we should only store what is absolutely needed.
- ACTION: Theo will research options for removing and scrapping the vault door for potential sale and to increase safety through a replacement door.
- Records retention policy – Steve Howes is working on this.
- ACTION: Pastor Keith will speak with Theo about important church archival documents to be digitized.
- Reminder that everyone needs to reserve church spaces through Debbie in the church office, [office@stjohnchurch.net](mailto:office@stjohnchurch.net), and to refer to the [church calendar](#) when scheduling spaces.
- ACTION: Theo, Steve, Bruce will discuss the large black room dividers and alternatives for this that can take up less space in the room.

#### OMG Budget

- No items to discuss

#### Church Organizations/Policies

- Steve is leading efforts to update church policies and to document church committees and roles of staff within the church.
- Current list of committee members are printed in church directory and on the weekly prayer list.

#### SLC Attendance at OMG and Other Church Activities

- Discussion on SLC's support and participation with OMG as they are available.
- OMG desires to have more congregants participate in their efforts, even as their work focuses on needs of those beyond the church's walls.
- Suggestion that OMG provide postcards or other information to visitors to our events, so they can extend personal invitations to others in the community.

### **OMG Proposed Activities**

- Memorial Day – OMG provides a hot dog stand outside of the church.
- June – Dale & Theo will coordinate a St. John booth at the Cincinnati Pride Festival. ACTION: Dale will register for a booth (\$60 fee).
- For Northern Kentucky Pride, OMG will partner with the Northern Kentucky Health Department to share a double booth, provide HIV testing and to share information about the church. There are no expenses for this booth. NKY Pride may also feature a parade and an interfaith worship service in NKY.

### **Donation/Collection and Other Activities**

- OMG is looking at collection activities that won't cost money, e.g., coat donation.
- General agreement from group that a monthly collection/donation activity (with assigned volunteers) is OK and builds goodwill within the church and with visitors. Collection bins can be reused and repurposed for multiple events.
- Pastor Keith raised a concern about expanding the church's hands-on mission activities, to balance with collection/donation activities and to connect us more with those in need:
  - Pastor Keith posed a challenge that 5% of our members be part of hands-on mission activities.
  - Brighton Center provides some opportunities.
  - Another potential volunteer opportunity is Paint the Town on June 10 in Bellevue-Dayton. Information at <http://paintthetowncincinnati.org/volunteer/>. The Illumination Youth Group could be involved with this as well.
- OMG is interested in an Easter Egg hunt, shared with other local congregations, held in the Bellevue Beach Park. Discussion on logistics of collecting items for this in light of other collection activities.
- A "First Friday" group has met to discuss directions for this community-focused effort. This work is in the Pastor's lap for now, and he will communicate next steps.
- The church appreciation lunch originally scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> will be postponed until a later date.

All expressed appreciation for this joint meeting, and agreed to continue this annually (a good practice for SLC with all ministries of the church).

Pastor Keith led the group in a closing prayer.