

## 12/15/16 Minutes -- Strategic Leadership Council

St. John United Church of Christ

Meeting duration: 5:00 pm – 6:40 pm

Attending: Louise Hall (chair), Theo Baldwin, Lonnie Fields, Steve Howes, Dale Sexton, Melissa Stephens, Pastor Keith Haithcock

### Prayer and Preparation

Lonnie provided a meditation and prayer. All read the St. John Vision and Mission and the SLC Goals statement (from Charter documents).

***Strategic Leadership Council Goals...** In the spirit of the above Vision and Mission statements and in order to transform St. John United Church of Christ into a vital, fully alive mission outpost - receptive to the Word of God, moved to action by the Holy Spirit and living the commission of our savior Jesus Christ - the **Strategic Leadership Council (SLC)** establishes...*

Consensus Items approved: 11/17/16 SLC Minutes, 12/15/16 SLC Agenda

### SLC Current Priorities

- Louise reviewed the SLC 2016-2017 Priorities established during the August SLC retreat:
  - Extravagant Welcome
  - Creating Ongoing Balance Sheet
  - Implementing First Friday Activities
  - Review of Policies, Personnel, and Committees
  - Transparency at all Levels
- Our work so far this year has been in line with these priorities, and we are making progress in each area.

### Financial and Investment Updates

- Due to a pending correction, the December Treasurer's will be approved at the January 2017 SLC meeting.
- Dale reviewed the balance sheet detailing financial activity for November 2016.
- Dale confirmed he has completed the transfer of necessary funds from BB&T Checking account to BB&T investment account to bring the investment balance to \$101K.
- Discussion on Investment Team responsibilities and access to investment accounts. Clarification that the Team will research options for investments, make a recommendation to SLC on a future investment strategy. Longer term, the Team will monitor funds under the new investment strategy over time and make future recommendations.

### Financial Snapshot Luncheon

- Twenty people attended. ACTION: Melissa will email a detailed summary to SLC members.

### Cub Scout Meeting Follow-up

- On December 7, SLC members met with two representatives of the Boy Scouts to discuss the idea of developing a Bellevue-Dayton Cub Scout pack with St. John Church as its chartering organization.

- MOTION: Pastor Keith moved that St. John UCC, Bellevue KY becomes a charter organization for the Boy Scouts. Lonnie second. Motion passed unanimously.
- ACTION: Pastor Keith will contact the Boy Scouts. Lonnie and Melissa volunteered to assist with the initial planning and relationship building between St. John UCC and the emerging pack.
- Discussion on security needs and possible additional costs for heating and housekeeping due to the increase in church building use.

#### Technology proposal

- At January SLC meeting, Mitch will present a proposal on a sanctuary technology project and funding sources.

#### Emergency Procedures Update

- Lonnie reported that Mitch will be able to move the desired phone near or in the church lounge space. Lonnie will be working with the phone vendor to determine system capabilities.
- Discussion on changes in usher training in light of emergency procedure needs.

#### Communion Server list

- Current list includes volunteers up through January 2017.
- ACTION: Theo will contact volunteers to establish the 2017 Communion Server list.

#### Halloween Policy

- Melissa presented guidelines regarding Halloween imagery and activities at St. John church events.
- MOTION: Lonnie moved to approve the Halloween Celebration Guidelines. Steve second. Motion passed.

#### OMG Update

- Louise met with Outreach Missions Group (OMG) at their December 1 meeting and updated them on the potential use of building by the Cub Scouts, security needs, and the need for OMG to prepare a mission statement. Also, discussed possible external outreach activities, such as delivering snacks to seniors in the community.
- OMG will attend SLC's January meeting for further discussion.

#### Pastor's Report

- As a follow-up to the Nativity event and outreach, Pastor Keith will have a proposal regarding fundraising for the Nativity effort. This will be discussed at the January SLC meeting.
- Three new members will join the church on January 15.
- "The Pastor Is In" outreach at Northern Kentucky University is going well. Pastor Keith desires to create better signage and creative outreach for this table.

**Adjournment:** Dale moved to adjourn, Lonnie second. Motion passed.

Minutes recorded by: Theo Baldwin, SLC Secretary

Next SLC meeting scheduled for **Thursday, January 26 at 5:30 pm**. Meditation: Lonnie. All are welcome to attend.