

St. John United Church of Christ
Strategic Leadership Team Minutes
November 12, 2013
5:30-8:45 PM

In attendance: Mitch Leigh, Mary Ann Reilly, Tim Smith, Pastor Keith, Sandy Kerlin
Absent: Raniele Jago

Meeting opened with prayer by M. Reilly and reading of Vision and Mission statements by all.

Planning for Congregational Meeting, November 17, 2013:

T. Smith discussed the draft budget for 6 months as transition to fiscal year change. Cost of living increase (1.4%) for 2014 for Pastor and D. Cummings was agreed upon unanimously (based on recommendation from Ohio Conference Board of Directors acting on behalf of personnel committee for all Conference UCC churches). The budget will be presented at the meeting categorized into Continuing Testament, Extravagant Welcome, and Changing Lives to reflect vision and mission. There will be funding included to support efforts of "A Team" (a working title) with senior outreach.

Financial reports, SLC accomplishments, structure for next year and suggestions for use of the Ludwig bequest will also be addressed at the meeting.

A-Team Presentation: Willie Tackett, Steve Phillips, Bruce Horn, Eileen Thornton, Mark Thornton Proposal for reorganization of three steering groups into one discussed. Services to seniors will be a major new focus. Youth group work will be put on back burner for now. There was also discussion on organization of prayer groups and suggestions regarding networking in the community. A suggestion to SLC was to implement ways to help new members know who is in leadership roles was suggested. W. Tackett will be the liaison to the A-Team at present time. A-Team will ask for suggestions re: name at congregational meeting. A-Team made a suggestion in their proposal that housekeeper take over cleaning of sanctuary-this will occur; two hours will be added to housekeeper duties and free those up for other church projects. SLC unanimously accepted the A-Team proposal.

Reports: August, September, October Treasurer reports were approved. September, October financial secretary reports were approved.

Roping off sections in sanctuary: There were two sessions to discuss this practice. SLC felt that good discussion and ideas came out of this that may be useful in future planning. It was agreed that the ropes will be taken down (roped off area will remain to reserve space for choir) people will be encouraged to sit closer to the front and all can sit where they choose.

Meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer at 8:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Kerlin, acting recording secretary