

## **Pastoral Team Minutes – July 30, 2015**

**Facilitator—Lorie; Time Keeper—Nick; Minutes--Brenda**

Present: Pastor Lorie Hershey, Nick Lordi, Mark Michelovic, Laurie Callan, Brenda Rich

### **7:00 Prayer**

### **7:10 Updates (anything new to report?)**

- Outreach (Mark)-no
- Children and Youth (Nick)-no
- Community Life (Brenda) -not yet
- Faith Formation (Brenda)-New attenders small group first meeting at Peter and Angelina Horst's on August 10
- Pastoral Care Coordination (Laurie/Lorie)
- Check in on needed positions: 1. Child Protection; (not yet) 2. BMC representative; several persons named we will follow up with.. 3. Sarah Rody volunteered for Sunday School Coordinator. Men's breakfast, was hosted by Michael. (note: Matt Ressler MacNeill will facilitate). Nick would desire men's retreat Brenda will talk to John Bergen re small groups.

### **7:35 Pastor Update**

- Vacation time...anything that needs to be covered. Next two weeks.
- Mentoring . MCUSA has a new mentoring website. Anticipate doing a training with the Mentors (Drick) Nick will check in with Brook for update.
- Intern for fall...still in discussion.. Lorie had some communication with Audrey/Steve, and is willing to continue the conversation once she gets back in late August) She's able to give 80 hours
- Overview of things in the works for input and feedback
  - Visiting Sunday August 9; this week there will be a flyer about it. And then on the 16<sup>th</sup> we will follow up.
  - Walking the Walk, (we are doing it with Germantown-one mentor from the congregation, visit each congregation n your cluster.... Once a month. We have three youth interested.
  - Child Protection policy update and kick-off Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup> with first fellowship meal. Next child protection training by Brenda will be at church office August 11.
  - Areas of focus for coming year include communion, need people to participate in the planning committee for this series. Nick and Brenda will participate.
  - Baptism, Stewardship and Sabbath.
  - Sexuality. MCC is doing a three year campaign (We will Speak Out) ... Many newer people haven't been part of sexuality training (Alex did curricula: Good Sex 2.0 with youth 2 years ago) Alex used to have a three year calendar for the youth. Baptism, Anabaptist history, sexuality. We also talked about the curricula Body and Soul that we used several years ago. When we have faith formation meeting, also invite youth leaders.
  - Lorie met with Reuben yesterday to again look at priorities of Lorie's role.
  - Lorie's sabbatical will be end of May thru end of August 2016 (3 months) HRC would identify "interim" pastor.

### **7:55 Discuss and decide Brenda's request from Turning Points:**

"...to recruit potential resource parents. We would love to present and give information at your church so we can see if anyone is interested in being a resource parent. Our attempts at local churches in the Southwest region has been difficult but we continue to speak at them with little results.ö

Nick suggested we host some kind of foster care instructional day with other entities other than WPMF because we already have a heart for foster care. We could pass out flyers. We've done other joint congregation workshops (POWER, Transgender101) where we invited the community in. Calvary and Kol zedek, Sojourners, Day Care Centers. Oxford Circle might be a guide for us as have a lot of experience at putting on community events. Brenda will get back to Nebill Aberra from TPFC to discuss next steps.

#### **8:15 Misc Decisions:**

1. Mutual Aid Funds We discussed and approved several opportunities for mutual aid through the Elders funds.
2. Elder for committee to plan communion series (for October) Communion series for a month during October. Discussed several others to invite.

#### **8:30 Pastoral Care and Prayer**

**Next Meeting:** Wed September 9<sup>th</sup>, to be held at Laurie Callan's place at 7pm. Note that Church Council is the previous week, Sept 2, and we will give updates of our areas of responsibilities.

#### **Future agenda:**

- Child protection policy changes; MC USA resolution on sexual abuse...can this inform our way of creating safe practices while welcoming those outside our community?
- Jr High exploring baptism class

Minutes Submitted by:  
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