



**CAMP HILL UMC**  
UNIFIED LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes  
March 12, 2019



Members present: Marsha Banks, Rachel Beaver, Jim Clahane, Steve Hetrick, Dave Mooney, Don Powell, Jon Seltenheim and Shannon Zimmerman

Excused: Kim Bedford

Non-voting members present: Gary Weaver, Anna Layman Knox and Georgia Reisinger

In attendance: Steve Drachler, Pastor Stephen Gallaher, Matthew Peter-Fritts, Tim Pucino, Nancy Reitzel, Drew Robeson, Chris Wilcox, Sydney Wilcox and Shirley Zink

The meeting was called to order by Jon Seltenheim.

Minutes of the February 12, 2019 meeting were approved by email.

Don Powell opened the meeting with prayer. He then led Spiritual Development with a synopsis of his spiritual journey.

Leadership Development was led by Rachel Beaver. She reflected on the second chapter of the book, *Virtues of Rapidly Growing Churches*.

**Pastor Gary Weaver and Pastor Anna Layman Knox led a check-in of our 2019 goals.**

1. Increase participation of new people in outreach missions and internal ministry opportunities by 10%.
2. Develop and implement a path for adult discipleship.
3. Develop and implement a communication plan to maximize congregational understanding.
4. Achieve attendance increase to 600 on average per week.

**Status:**

1. "March Mission Madness - How Do You Serve" is in full swing. For the month of March, everyone has been given a ping pong ball and was challenged to volunteer in missions inside or outside the church for at least one hour during the month. Anyone who volunteers an hour can bring back their ping pong ball and place it in containers in the Gathering Space which will be a great visual representation of the work done in missions by our congregation. The goal is 2500 hours of service.
2. Audrey Wilder, who has been contracted to develop a discipleship pathway, will be meeting with Pastor Gary and Pastor Anna on March 13th to go over her findings.
3. Leslie Petersheim continues her work communicating to the congregation in a consistent and clear way. She reaches folks of all ages using both paper and electronic platforms to disseminate information.



4. Pastor Gary and Pastor Anna reported that we had 604 in attendance on March 3rd. Taking out the two Sundays with snow, we are averaging 595 for 2019.

### **Pressing Issues:**

The approved leadership covenant was signed by members present.

There have been two changes in liaison roles. Don Powell will now liaise with the Facility Team and Jim Clahane will have the role of Mission & Outreach liaison.

It was announced that Easter, we will be commissioning and praying over Marsha Banks as a “missionary” to assist with the formation of The Journey UMC, a church being started in Harrisburg following the anticipated closing of ten United Methodist Churches in April and May. Marsha will be on the leadership team along with Pastor Kris Sledge and Pastor Deb Port. They are seeking to start a dynamic church which will be connected to the Harrisburg community. Marsha will withdraw from our ULC effective April 22nd. We know she will do great things in this new position. Steve Drachler offered prayer celebrating the work that Marsha has done here at Camp Hill UMC.

The seat vacated by Marsha’s withdrawal will not be filled until church conference this fall. The Nominations and Leadership Development Team will put four church members forward to be elected at church conference. Marsha’s replacement will begin immediately upon election and will be on the ULC for one year. The other three will start a three-year term in January, filling the positions of Rachel Beaver, Don Powell and Shannon Zimmerman who will have finished their two year commitment.

Kim Bedford will be going from Camp Hill UMC as a Lay Member to Annual Conference instead of Marsha Banks.

The Conference office requires a yearly financial audit. Jeff Stoner and Bill Parish reconciled all the accounts of the church and found no issues.

Jon Seltenheim guided the members through a discussion of the financial statements. Bill Umberger, Treasurer, has totally reconstructed the financial statements and is generating reports that are clearer and comprehensive.

John Eckstine, Facility Manager, listed the projects that have been approved in the 2019 Ministry Resourcing Plan and when he plans to complete them. All projects are contingent on financing.



Pastor Gary gave an up-date on security work that is being done in response to the INA Security report. The next meeting of the Congregational Security Task Force will be March 19th.

Jon Seltenheim led the group in a discussion on the results of the 2019 Special Session of General Conference where the Traditional Plan was passed. In April, the plan will go to the Judicial Council who will determine if portions of the Traditional Plan are constitutional. In response to this decision, the ULC was asked during the February 27th Wednesday night session to issue a statement regarding Camp Hill UMC's position on the outcome of the Special Session of General Conference. There was extensive conversation among ULC Members and visitors to the meeting about what should be included in the statement and how best to communicate our thoughts. The ULC appreciated all the input and will take what has been discussed and determine next steps.

Pastor Anna encouraged members and visitors to attend the Post General Conference meeting with Bishop Park on May 5th where the decision of the Judicial Council will be discussed. The meeting will be held at Camp Hill UMC from 3-5pm and will be simulcast to several other locations in the Susquehanna Conference.

Pastor Stephen Gallaher made the ULC aware of a memorial plaque the has recently been placed on the church grounds for Elijah Lehman.

**Prep Packet:**

The Taco 20/20 visioning lunch scheduled for May 5th is cancelled in light of the May 5th meeting with Bishop Park and needs to be rescheduled.

ULC members were reminded that Kay Kotan will be at our April 9th meeting for coaching and to be prepared with questions about the unified leadership structure.

The ULC went into executive session and Georgia Reisinger and all visitors were excused.