

WILLOW GLEN UMC

Lay Leadership council

May 13, 2010

The Lay Leadership Council met with the following members in attendance: Claudia Pierson, Jacque Lauer, Geoff Wright, susan Smith, Nancy Danson, Jan Leonard, Greg Pense, Atom Yee, Kathy Benedict, Ruth Granfors, Kristin Kufeldt, Stan Praisewater, Leslie Fisk and Tom Grubb.

Stan Praisewater opened with prayer.

The Radical Hospitality Team (Claudia Pierson and Jacque Lauer) chaired the meeting.

1. **Renovation and Woodhaven** closure - Leslie Fisk
Brian Ganz will be reviewing the plans – he is waiting for additional information from the contractor (bids).
The basement in KH needs to be cleaned out in order for the RATS to begin AC installation. The RATS will donate labor only, we supply all necessary equipment.
Leslie to contact interested members of the congregation regarding low interest loans before proceeding with Woodhaven. With the financing in place Woodhaven will be emptied and renovation will begin. Most likely taking 6-12 months.
It was decided that we should have a “Closing of Woodhaven” ceremony the week before the renovation begins, between services. Members will be asked to write messages and place pictures on several long sheets of paper. A notice will be in the bulletin and WW.
2. **Church profile form** – Greg Pense presented all with the profile form that is due before the end of the year. All team members are to complete and then one member from each practice will meet with Greg in the next two months to finalize the form. Greg will send the form via email in Word format to simplify the process.
3. **Radical Hospitality** – Jacque Lauer – Items implemented by the team were on display: new name badges, “Miss You” cards, Outreach Ministry flyers, “Helping Hands” ministry brochures and first time visitor “goodies”. An Hospitality Audit was given to all members to be completed and returned.
4. **Trustee building Use** – Jacque Lauer –On behalf of the Trustee’s with the new financial secretary, money counters and bookkeeper they want to be assured that they receive 30% of all building use and rentals for the continued upkeep of the facility and the parsonages. A building use report will be part of the financial reports given to the Trustees.
5. **Risk Taking Mission and Service** – Jan Leonard – Western Union seems to be the easiest and safest way to get funds to George and Sia. It was decided that the money will be sent in \$500.00 increments. We currently have \$2,000.00 but need an additional \$500.00. Since Sia and George are our missionaries perhaps we should be sending money on a regular basis. RTM&S will meet with the Extravagant Generosity team and come up with a plan.
6. **5th Sunday plans** – Nancy Danson – May 30 will be one service at 10:00 in the Sanctuary to honor our servicemen and women. Paper dog tags listing the items need by veterans will

be placed in Wesley room on the 16th and the 23 rd. The dog tags will be similar to “the Giving Tree” tags placed on the Christmas tree. Items should be brought to the church by May 30 so they can be delivered to the VA hospital in Palo Alto.

It was suggested that “a small white table” ceremony be performed in honor and remembrance of all POW’s and MIA’s. Nancy to work on the details of when and where in the service this could happen. The congregation will move from the sanctuary to KH to write letters and cards to veterans, ending with the closing prayer.

Kristin Kufeldt knows of someone willing to perform ceremony for disposing of tattered or worn out flags.

7. **State of congregation report** – Nancy Danson – Nancy spoke of how our church is organized within the district. Our circuit consists of 7 churches and 9 pastors as well as lay persons . This is a way for all to be accountable to one another.

Families needing our prayers:

Shirley Choy-Marshall-Breast Cancer surgery this week

Ganz family – Angelina’ s tumor is inoperable with no prognosis. Family needs words of encouragement , sharing and lots of hugs.

Dorothy Bois – will be moving to Plumtree to recover following heart surgery.

Kay Eilers – very ill – please send cards.

Zwingmanns had a baby girl – Emma Marie.

8. **What is discipleship** – Susan Smith – Susan, Nancy and Ingrid attended a workshop on Eric Gieger’s book “Simple Church”. It was about making disciples of Jesus Christ and how we need to GET SIMPLE. How do you move from worship to class to community. What does a disciple look like? Love God, Love others and serve the world. How do we help each other get from worship to serving the community...Clarity of vision? Food for thought...more to come.
9. **Communication Plan** – Tom Grubb –Get involved – Tom working on a poster that will aide us in getting exposure in the community that we serve. Tom will have something concrete by next meeting.
10. **Big changes coming to UMC** – will vote on going from 7 districts to 4. Dist. Supervisors will take on a new role as pastor to the pastors.

Closing prayer by Kristin Kufeldt.

Nest meeting agenda to include report from Tom Grubb, budget, church profile and hospitality audit. June 15 meeting to be chaired by Extravagant Generosity team.