Sixth Avenue UCC Leadership Team Meeting Minutes 4-6-2017

Present: Brian LeMaire, Ann Stoenner (taking minutes), Sandy Calkins, Chris Gilmore, Rod DeLuca, Susie DeLuca, Carol Fields.

Welcome and check in.

Treasurer’s Report: Sandy said everything fine, we’re solvent, no unexpected big expenses, a nice donation received to building & grounds, reporting software not functioning right so detail deferred until next meeting.

Team Reports

Wider Church: (Vickie is looking after her ailing mother out of state). Chris said that we host WHI 5 Saturdays in April, and the first one went well; more volunteers have signed up. We will do a lunch at DICP in May.

Inner Church: Rod said that Jason will be deployed mid-May for 4 months, so their house is up for rent May 1; he and Susie are leaving for Georgia to be with Angie and Pita May 8, and then they will be in Oregon for a year. Their last Sunday will be May 7. It’s upsetting to be leaving church family, but they love Sixth Avenue and are grateful to have been here. Their return to Denver is in God’s hands.

Rod sent in first draft of the memorial/funeral service checklist.

Survey of families with children and youth re: education. Rod talked with Oscar (who supports nursery and contributed a playpen), Leslie (who supports “more options”) and Kirsten and Tiegan (ditto “more options”). Rod suggests looking for someone in congregation who’s interested in taking on a volunteer leadership role in education. Susie said that youth she’s talked to are interested in more music and small groups, more things to get involved in, on Sundays.

Chris obtained the palms for Palm Sunday. Choir will sing.

Easter brunch: Dale volunteered to do egg casseroles for 60, Susie sausage, Lanny hams and hot cross buns, Chris bacon baked at home, Rod & Susie juices.

Easter Egg Hunt: Kim will organize…Chris has given her the plastic eggs and candy.

Building and grounds: Meeting last Tuesday. Merlin Logan, Al Holland (who’s a painter) and Larry Crabbe participated. (Charlotte still recuperating.)

The trees have been trimmed.

Work Day this Saturday 9 a.m. Carol made lists of possible projects and people who will be in charge of certain areas, such as Merlin for outdoors, Anni for piano and Susie for kitchen.

Light bulbs were obtained for choir loft.

Exterior lights, experiments with handyman: only one light went on, on the Sixth Avenue side, and then went off. It’s time for an electrician to assess situation. Chris will ask Randy Porter who already has some projects requested.

Pastor’s report: Worship planned for Palm and Passion Sundays. Maundy Thursday at Wash Park with soup supper. Band to play for Easter.

Kim leading worship on April 23rd (Chris on short vacation) Cheryl and Chris April 30th (Cheryl’s internship concludes in May). Music Sunday and Mothers Day in May. June 4 is Pentecost. New member orientation soon. About ten visitors and new people attending church on a regular basis.

No intern next year (a break for Chris, plus Jenny Whitcher will be in discernment).

Chris shared some pastoral concerns of the congregation.

Chris led a great weekend camp at LaForet with 95 teenagers. Snow; peaceful surroundings.

Chris wants to meet with Ann to think about new banners. Storage of banners needs to be improved.

 Next meeting: May 18 at 5 p.m.

Prayer and Adjournment