

Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting January 16, 2014

Present: Rev. Dan Busch, Tom Maurer, Rev. Steve Voelker, Rev. Rick Dorsch, Rev. Dave Borden, Bill Kerr, Douglas Ricci

Doug Ricci opened the meeting

Devotions: Devotions were given by **Bill Kerr, using Psalm 27, and Proverbs 8:9 – If you take a trip in your car – you do a check up first. We need to do the same with our life,** which was followed by a prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting were reviewed. **Approved as corrected**

Old Business:

1. As a Team, we need to continue to think about and put together ways to promote Stewardship Awards. We recognize churches with “5 for 5”, “OCWM giving and increase giving”, and money to “CUE”. **Hard to measure. In past churches had visitors from the Association that thanked them and gave them the Stewardship Certificates. Caring is expressed to congregation by having people from the association visiting.**
2. General discussion on the purpose and goals of the Stewardship and Caring Team. **Hard to define the mission of this team. Each church operates differently. We can not wait for ministers, but we need to offer programs. Send letter to Pastors. Stewardship is taking care of what God gives us. Choose something and work on it.**
3. Cathy Hunter will be writing an article on caring for the Vine. **Article written – this item CLOSED**
4. Need to touch base with our churches to receive input on how we can help them. Additional thoughts included a survey or discussion with the churches to find out what we can do for them. . Consider having stewardship moments during the church service. Stewardship is a year around process, reaching out and caring. It is more than just money, it is time and talents. The church needs to communicate what the church is doing in the way of stewardship. The church has low expectations of what membership involves. Stewardship is a form of worship. Programs of caring about people, not money – Topics could be helping prevent strokes and heart attacks. **Bill to draft letter, Doug to put together list of church**
5. Lay School joint Ad-hoc committee on special stewardship Class: Alan and Steve are working on meeting with Rev. Bottom to discuss the class. Nothing new at this time as far as schedule or location of the class.
6. Articles on Stewardship for the Vine. There was a general discussion that the article would be short, and cover some aspect of stewardship and caring. Doug provided the deadline for articles to the Vine and requested all articles are sent to him to forward. The Vine is sent to

around 400 e-mail addresses. Bill Kerr said he would do May 2014. The schedule of writers is: **We can send the articles directly to Joan**

Doug Ricci - October article
Alan Mikesell - November Article
Tom Maurer - December Article
Cathy Hunter - January Article
Rev. Rick Dorsch - February Article
Rev. Dave Borden - March Article
Rev. Steve Voelker - April Article
Bill Kerr - May Article

7. Caring – Parish Nursing : **We changed the name of this item to Health Ministry/Parish Nursing**

New Business:

1. General discussion concerning **a telephone conference meeting**. We will consider **that** as many as can reach the Association Office due to the limited number of phone lines available to be used for a telephone conference call. We will have to wait and see about the weather and traveling as that dates gets closer. **Joan can set it up in about 2 days to make sure all is ready**
2. Planning for our needs at the 2014 NWOA Annual Meeting - St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys – April 26, 2014. **Doug to call Kyle concerning the Estate Planning breakout. Putting together a breakout of Care giving to the Caregiver. Rev Becky Jones' name was given as one who might lead this breakout.**
3. **Pastor Kyle Timmons, and Christine Rettig resigned from the committee due to work schedules**

Next Meeting:

March 20, 2014 at 10:00AM to Noon at the NWOA office
Devotions by Rev. Dave Borden - **Dan Bush, Alan Mikesell, will be in El Salvador**

Possible Future Action Items:

1. Budgeting Workshop
2. Estate planning workshop
3. Writing expanded details of guidelines for the committee.
4. Commitment

Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting

March 20, 2014

Present: Tom Maurer, Cathy Hunter, Rev. Steve Voelker, Rev. Rick Dorsch, Rev. Dave Borden, Bill Kerr, Douglas Ricci

Team Members on Mission Trip: Rev. Dan Busch, Alan Mikesell

Doug Ricci opened the meeting

Devotions: Devotions were given by Rev Dave Borden, which referenced Luke 12:29-31, and was followed by a prayer.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the January 16, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Discussion included corrections, which were made, and the minutes accepted.

Doug thanked everyone for writing articles for the Vine, and there was a good variety.

Old Business:

1. As a Team, we need to continue to think about and put together ways to promote Stewardship Awards. We recognize churches with “5 for 5”, “OCWM giving and increase giving”, and money to “CUE”. Hard to measure. In past churches had visitors from the Association that thanked them and gave them the Stewardship Certificates. Caring is expressed to congregation by having people from the association visiting. **Churches need to be welcoming, but not pushy. Consider a letter to pastors on ways that they may be doing stewardship in their church and they share those ideas with other churches. Also consider publishing awards in the Vine.**
2. General discussion on the purpose and goals of the Stewardship and Caring Team. Hard to define the mission of this team. Each church operates differently. We can not wait for ministers, but we need to offer programs. Send letter to Pastors. Stewardship is taking care of what God gives us. Choose something and work on it. **Rev Dorsch and Bill Kerr to work on this.**
3. Need to touch base with our churches to receive input on how we can help them. Additional thoughts included a survey or discussion with the churches to find out what we can do for them. Consider having a stewardship moments during the church service. Stewardship is a year around process, reaching out and caring. It is more than just money, it is time and talents. The church needs to communicate what the church is doing in the way of stewardship. The church has low expectations of what membership involves. Stewardship is a form of worship. Programs of caring about people, not money – Topics could be helping prevent strokes and heart attacks. Bill to draft letter, Doug to put together list of churches. **Reviewed letter, important to establish active communications with churches, we need to establish focus on coming year. Key People for regions from this committee are: Doug Ricci for Lakeshore, Bill Kerr for Auglaize, Tom Maurer for Sandusky.**
4. Lay School joint Ad-hoc committee on special stewardship Class: Alan and Steve are working on meeting with Rev. Bottom to discuss the class. Nothing new at this time as far as schedule or location of the class.

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5. Articles on Stewardship for the Vine. There was a general discussion that the article would be short, and cover some aspect of stewardship and caring. Doug provided the deadline for articles to the Vine and requested all articles are sent to him to forward. The Vine is sent to around 400 e-mail addresses. Bill Kerr said he would do May 2014. The schedule of writers is: We can send the articles directly to Joan

Doug thanked everyone for writing the letters. THIS ITEM CLOSED

Doug Ricci - October article

Alan Mikesell - November Article – turning it in late

Tom Maurer - December Article

Cathy Hunter - January Article

Rev. Rick Dorsch - February Article

Rev. Dave Borden - March Article

Rev. Steve Voelker - April Article

Bill Kerr - May Article

6. Caring – Parish Nursing : We changed the name of this item to Health Ministry/Parish Nursing
THIS ITEM CLOSED

New Business:

1. General discussion concerning what the weather would be like for the January meeting. We will consider as many as can reach the Association Office due to the limited number of phone lines available to be used for a telephone conference call. We will have to wait and see about the weather and traveling as that date gets closer. Joan can set it up in about 2 days to make sure all is ready. **THIS ITEM CLOSED**
2. Planning for our needs at the 2014 NWOA Annual Meeting - St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys – April 26, 2014. Doug to call Kyle concerning the Estate Planning breakout. Putting together a breakout of Care giving to the Caregiver. Rev Becky Jones' name was given as one who might lead this breakout. **Kyle not able to put together a breakout , and Rev Becky Jones not available. Cathy Hunter to put together a break out and get with Joan.**
3. Pastor Kyle Timmons, and Christine Rettig resigned from the committee due to work schedules. **THIS ITEM CLOSED**

Next Meeting:

May 17, 2014 at the All Team Event. Rev. Dave Borden will not be there.
Devotions by Rev. Steve Voelker

Possible Future Action Items:

1. Budgeting Workshop
2. Estate planning workshop
3. Writing expanded details of guidelines for the committee.
4. Commitment
5. Caring for the caregiver

Stewardship & Caring Team Meeting September 18, 2014

Present: Rev. Dan Busch, Dr. Alan Mikesell, Tom Maurer, Cathy Hunter, Rev. Dave Borden, Pastor Bill Kerr, Douglas Ricci,

Rev Dan Busch thanked everyone for being at this meeting, which was a joint meeting with Stewardship and Caring Team and Faith Formation Team.

Devotions: Devotions were given by Rev. Dan Busch, with reference to Exodus and Moses, and was followed by a prayer, lead by Tom Maurer

Rev Busch opened the meeting with a review of the NWOA's structure, various Ministry Teams and duties. He also reviewed the role and Mission of the NWOA, noting that we covenant together as a community of communities. He also gave a quick review of the role and mission of each ministry team.

Rev Busch then proposed to the group that all ministry teams meet on the same day, at various times. The meeting dates proposed were the 3rd Thursday of November (11-20-2014); January (1-15-2015); March (3-19-2015) and May (5-21-2015). After some discussion, the time for each team to meet was set as:

Stewardship and Caring Team from 9:00AM to 11:00AM
El Salvador Coordinating Team from 11:00AM to 1:00 PM
Witness and Proclamation Team 1:00PM to 2:30PM
Faith Formation Team 2:00PM to 4:00PM

We then broke up into our separate teams to complete necessary business.

**Doug thanked everyone for being there, and opened the meeting.
The first items on the agenda were for information for the association office.**

1. Fill Team Positions:

CHAIRMAN **Doug Ricci**

VICE CHAIRMAN **Pastor Bill Kerr**

SECRETARY **Tom Maurer**

REPRESENTATIVE TO LAKE SHORE **Rev Dave Borden**

REPRESENTATIVE TO ALGLAZE **Pastor Bill Kerr**

REPRESENTATIVE TO SANDUSKY **Rev Rick Dorsch**

REPRESENTATIVE TO CABINET **Doug Ricci**

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2. Meeting dates, times, location, devotions

All meetings to be held at the NWOA Association office in Tiffin on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>TIME:</u>	<u>DEVOTIONS BY:</u>
Nov 20, 2014	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Tom Maurer
Jan 15, 2015	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Cathy Hunter
Mar 19, 2015	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Doug Ricci
May 21, 2015	9:00AM to 11:00AM	Pastor Bill Kerr

Minutes of Last Meeting: Minutes of the March 20, 2014 meeting were reviewed. Discussion included correcting typos, and adding first name, and the minutes accepted.

Old Business:

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2. General discussion on the purpose and goals of the Stewardship and Caring Team. Hard to define the mission of this team. Each church operates differently. We can not wait for ministers, but we need to offer programs. Send letter to Pastors. Stewardship is taking care of what God gives us. Choose something and work on it. Rev Rick Dorsch and Pastor Bill Kerr to work on this. **We will continue to work on this item during the coming year.**
3. Need to touch base with our churches to receive input on how we can help them. Additional thoughts included a survey or discussion with the churches to find out what we can do for them. Consider having a stewardship moments during the church service. Stewardship is a year around process, reaching out and caring. It is more than just money, it is time and talents. The church needs to communicate what the church is doing in the way of stewardship. The church has low expectations of what membership involves. Stewardship is a form of worship. Programs of caring about people, not money – Topics could be helping prevent strokes and heart attacks. Pastor Bill Kerr to draft letter, Doug Ricci to put together list of churches. Reviewed letter, important to establish active communications with churches, we need to establish focus on coming year. Key People for regions from this committee are: Doug Ricci for Lake Shore, Pastor Bill Kerr for Auglaize, Tom Maurer for Sandusky. **We changed the people responsible for establishing active communications with the churches from those listed above to the links to the coordinating teams (Rev Dave Borden - Lake Shore, Pastor Bill Kerr – Auglaize. Rev Rick Dorsch - Sandusky)**

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4. Lay School joint Ad-hoc committee on special stewardship Class: Dr. Alan Mikesell and Rev. Steve Voelker are working on meeting with Rev. Bottom to discuss the class. Nothing new at this time as far as schedule or location of the class. **No new information – THIS ITEM CLOSED**
5. Planning for our needs at the 2014 NWOA Annual Meeting - St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys – April 26, 2014. Doug to call Kyle concerning the Estate Planning breakout. Putting together a breakout of Care giving to the Caregiver. Rev Becky Jones' name was given as one who might lead this breakout. Rev Kyle Timmons not able to put together a breakout , and Rev Becky Jones not available. Cathy Hunter to put together a break out and get with Joan. **Everyone thought the session on Care for the Care Giver was very good. THIS ITEM CLOSED**

New Business:

1. **Articles on Stewardship for the Vine. All at this meeting thought that the articles during the past year were varied and very good. It was agreed to continue the articles, and we decided to use the same schedule as last year. Joan needs the article by the 1st Tue of the month. The schedule is:**
 - Doug Ricci – October, 2014 article
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2. **Rev Busch informed us that the NWOA had used OCWM money to have access to the UCC Faith Practices resource and have it available to the churches. The only requirement is that we give credit to where we got the information from and we do not sell the data. The web site is www.ucc.org/faith-practices/fp-secure . We are asked to review the “Living Stewardship” area before the next meeting.**

Next Meeting: November 20, 2014
Devotions by Tom Maurer

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6. Health Ministry/Parish Nursing

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Pastor Bill Kerr called the team to order.

Devotions: Devotions were given by Tom Maurer, with reference to Psalm 100, and was followed by a prayer, lead by Tom Maurer

1. Meeting dates, times, location, devotions

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Mar 19, 2015

May 21, 2015

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DEVOTIONS BY:

Tom Maurer

Cathy Hunter (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

Doug Ricci

Pastor Bill Kerr

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Rev Wendy Schindler-Chasney is available as an alternate article writer.

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New Business:

1. **Thoughts on the 2015 NWOA Annual Meeting at St Stephen UCC in Sandusky on Saturday April 25, 2015. The theme is “Unexpected Places”. Considering help from Cathy Hunter about setting up a session, and from Margaret Mills about finance. Other topics could include a session on the new web available resource, drugs, and a session on Marriage – God’s Design.**

Next Meeting: January 22, 2015 (Please note change of date)

Devotions by Cathy Hunter

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6. Health Ministry/Parish Nursing