

Lay Ministry Team

January 7, 2020

Minutes

Members Present: Eric Kreiner, Jane Stone, Jody Thone, Marion Hansen, Terry Sullivan (Blue Jeans), Ric Arbuckle, Jack Rogers, Carol Ottoson, Susan Cafferty (phone)

Chair Terry called the meeting to order and provided the devotion for today from *Jesus Calling*. The message was that it's impossible to praise or thank God too much.

Minutes from October 1, 2019, were approved.

Budget

Jody shared information from 2019. We received \$3444 in registration income and spent \$8548.26, leaving a total expenditure amount of \$5104. Budget for 2020 is \$5000. Jody noted that most money comes to the conference in December.

Certified Lay Servants/ConneXion

Jody provided information on the September ConneXion Retreat. Two attendees indicated interest in helping lead this in the future. Derek from Centennial UMC indicated interest in hosting in the spring.

2020 Retreats - Dates for spring are April 4-5. A fall retreat is being considered for either September 19-20 or October 10-11 in the Duluth area.

Certified Lay Speakers & Retreat

Marion reported that the lay speaker retreat went well, with nine attendees. Susan also helped. There were good sharing opportunities and 1:1 time for help by instructors, who were in and out. It was noted that Orinda Winther is taking CLM modules and Joshua Vang may be pursuing CLM, also.

Assignments & Interviews - January 20 is the deadline for assignments. Two sermon videos have been received. When all assignments have been received, interviews will be scheduled.

2020 Retreat - We have scheduled Koronis for the same weekend in 2020, November 20-22.

Flyer for Clergy – Terry and Pastor Sam are working on a flyer for clergy to include information on the training for various lay certifications. Recommendations by clergy will be included.

Recertification every 3 years – Many possibilities were mentioned to meet the requirement of interviewing certified lay speakers for recertification each three years. 39 certified lay speakers (originally certified in 2015, 2016, and 2017) need to be interviewed. Possibilities mentioned: phone interviews; 30-45 minutes at the Nuts and Bolts retreat; a conversation rather than an interview; mentorship circles. We would like to provide connection, trouble shooting, refocusing, addressing of problems, and ongoing support.

A group to study this consists of: Ric, Terry, Marion, Jane, and Susan.

Nuts & Bolts

The Nuts & Bolts binder is being expanded. Jack asked that edited and new documents for the Nuts & Bolts binder be sent to him as soon as possible. The plan is to print up to 75 binders at a cost of \$25-27.50 each. Jody suggested use of Catalyst Printing, the conference printer. An estimate will be requested from them for future retreats. Jack's printer, Don Niemi, will be used this spring. May 1 is the deadline for us to have the binders. We need 25 for the Nuts and Bolts Retreat. Ric will make more of the nuts and bolts keychain gifts.

Next event – We approved scheduling the next Nuts and Bolts Retreat for May 29-30 at Koronis (Pine Lodge). The team will determine times. Cost will be \$83 per person to cover lodging, meals, and instruction, plus the cost of the binder, making the total cost about \$110. Friday evening will include an interview/conversation time.

Certified Lay Ministers

Carol talked about the need for updates to the web site. We also need to know who is taking CLM modules and completing Form 2s. (Jane receives the Form 2 reports.) We should be interviewing at the start of the process, but we don't; we often don't know who is starting the CLM process. We need to communicate through the DAAs, DSs, and clergy. A clearer pathway is needed. The Call to Ministry should be sent to the Lay Ministry Team.

Lay Ministries Registrar

Jane shared some numbers. We have:

57 Certified Lay Speakers (3 do not provide pulpit supply; 4 withdrew in 2019; 3 became LLPs in 2019)

10 CLMs (5 have Form 2s in; there are CLMs in all districts—4 NS, 1 BW, 2 TC, 1 SP, 2 RV)

We have a Twin Cities District non-English-speaking Certified Lay Speaker who is working three jobs seven days a week, who was due for a class in 2019. He is so busy working that he is not even participating in his church. We need to determine whether he wishes to continue.

There have been questions about credit for webinars, which are only one hour each. The decision was to give credit after six hours of webinars have been attended. Dates and times

will need to be included on Form 2 reports, and the certified laity will be responsible for recordkeeping.

Communication

Due to time constraints, this will be discussed at our next meeting.

Website

Jody needs resources to include on our lay ministries web page. These could be articles on lay speaking, care ministry, prison ministry, communications, etc. The Competency Model and Clergy Learning Resource Guide are on the website. See <https://www.minnesotaumc.org/clergy-learning-resource-guide> for an example of what is desired: books, workshops, etc.

ASSIGNMENT: All members are to submit AT LEAST 2 RESOURCES to Jody by our next meeting.

National ACDLSM & CLM Meetings in 2020

Terry plans to attend.

Our Journey of Hope

Terry has held cancer care ministry training for her churches. Ric and Jane will hold theirs this month and next.

Presence at Annual Conference

Annual Conference is June 10-12 in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. There are no laity or clergy sessions this year. There will be conversation opportunities. Laity will have a display and would like a laity time/gathering for conversation among laity. Dealing with conflict was suggested as a topic.

NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, April 7, 10 a.m.

Conference Office

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Stone

