

Support Liaison 19 Aug – 16 Sep 2015 Report # 9

The Support Ministry is made up of four areas: (1) **Budget and Finance** lead by Fred Wentland, (2) **Property Management** lead by Larry Floor, (3) **Stewardship** lead by Rob Watson, and (4) **Website Management** lead by Fred Wentland.

The following is the list of **initiatives planned this year:**

1. **Property Management** (Lead: Larry Floor):
 - a. **Lawn Care**: Perform the necessary functions to keep the property properly maintained.
 - b. **Day Care**:
 - 1) Meet with Prince Georges County and work out the details for a detailed site plan
 - 2) Make an agreement with a Day Care Manager to operate the day care center.
 - c. **Future Building Capital Improvements**: Identify future building capital improvements, costs, and schedule and identify the annual capital improvement costs that would be necessary to meet these capital improvements when they will be required. Examples include the roof, the carpet, air conditioners/heaters, etc.
 - d. **Sound/Video System**. Make recommendations and plans to replace the current sound/video system based on the briefing provided to the January 2015 Congregational meeting and define a financial approach to paying for the first phase. **COMPLETED**
 - e. **Worship Enhancement Appeal (Lead: Fred Wentland)**: Based on Council approval, raise \$80,000 by 20 Sep 2015 that will enable replacement of the rug and current audio system with a new audio/visual system in the Narthex, sanctuary, fellowship hall, and meeting room
2. **Website** (Lead: Fred Wentland)
 - a. **Website Update**:
 - 1) Keep the website current and respond to all requests for updating within 3 working days of receipt of the update request
 - 2) Work with various liaison persons to update their areas on the website
 - b. **New Features**: Develop and implement a plan to get more responses to the Sunday services video on the website.
 - c. **Facebook**: Work with the facebook coordinator to highlight various items for discussion that may be on the website.
3. **Stewardship** (Lead: Rob Watson)
 - a. **Ministry Faire**: Provide a Ministry Faire event that will inform the Congregation of the activities that are available at All Saints.
 - b. **Consecration Sunday**: Plan and provide a series of activities that will provide sufficient information that will enable the members of All Saints to consider

providing an estimate of giving on Consecration Sunday to sustain All Saints financial plans and responsibilities in the next calendar year.

- c. **Time and Talent**: Plan and implement a series of activities that will: (1) enable the member of All Saints to select various activities they want to voluntarily provide their time to support; and (2) based on this information, provide the church leaders a list of volunteers that they will contact to provide the support.
4. **Budget and Finance** (Temporary Lead: Fred Wentland)
 - a. **Spending Plan**:
 - 1) Send out spending plan development plan along with schedule and request for spending plan inputs from persons in item 2) below;
 - 2) Obtain the necessary planned spending information from the various liaison leads, Council Officers, Council members, and staff and prepare a spending plan for the next calendar year;
 - 3) Obtain approval of the Council; and
 - 4) Provide the spending plan to the Congregation at the Congregational meeting for their approval.
 - b. **Budget/Expenditure Oversight**: Address any issues that arise and quarterly review the budget and expenditure activities and provide recommendations to the Council on any issues.
 - c. **Budget and Finance Lead**: Obtain a new permanent lead.

The following are activities that have occurred during this reporting period and those planned.

1. **Property Management**.

- a. **Activities During the Period**:

- 1) **Maintenance**. Larry and crew have continued maintaining the grounds and making repairs where necessary.
- 2) **Lawn-Care**. The team of volunteers includes: John Summerlot, Jim Sichelman, Chuck Arnold, Steve Roberts, Mark Steiner, Jim Meyer, Eric Davis, Gary Rhinesmith, Bill Braun, and Wayne Bossler. The team has continued maintaining the grounds.
- 3) **Day Care**. No activity occurred during this period.
- 4) **Audio/Visual (AV) Multimedia Task Group**.

Activities During this Reporting Period: As previously reported, Sharron lead the AV Multimedia Task Group in their evaluation of the 3 bids. Sharron provided recommendations to Council via Fred Wentland as to their recommended source selection and the plan strategy to provide the necessary funds for acquisition for each of the three phases. The Council reviewed the recommendations and the recommendations of the Executive Committee. A motion was made by Fred: "I move that All Saints Lutheran Church undertake a

capital fund appeal for the purchase of A/V Multi-Media equipment and carpet for the narthex and sanctuary. The Fund Appeal Task Group will advise the congregation council of its actions and progress, to include a title and a timeline for the Appeal.” The Council approved the motion.

As previously reported, the following persons have volunteered to be part of the Worship Enhancement Fund Appeal Task Group (WEFATG). They include: Rob Watson, Ellen Hug, Sharron Sample, Pastor Rhinesmith, and Fred Wentland. They had their first meeting on 20 May 2015 and a 2nd meeting on 10 June. Fred provided an outline of the situation. The group has agreed to the following:

- **Objectives:**
 - Prepare and implement a plan to obtain the necessary funds to purchase a new audio/visual (AV) multi-Media system throughout the church and replace the existing carpet in the Sanctuary, Narthex, and administrative offices.
 - Provide monthly progress reports to the Council
- **Financial Goal:** ~\$80,000 (~\$65,000 AV and ~\$15,000 Rug) which is subject to adjustments based on final implementation considerations.
- **Planned Schedule:**
 - 12 July (Sunday): Complete appeal tasks as outlined below in Appeal Communications to Members and Preliminary Appeal announcement.
 - 12 July (Sunday): Officially start appeal.
 - 20 Sep (Sunday): Appeal campaign ends.
- **Appeal Communications to Members:**
 - Website - Announcements
 - Announcements in Sunday program
 - Emails to All Saints members
 - Banner in Narthex
 - Temple talks (6 Sundays)
 - Other ...

As previously reported, the Pastor and Fred Wentland obtained two proposals for replacing the 24 year old rug in the Sanctuary and Narthex. The cost range of proposals was from \$13,467 to \$20,860. This information was provided to the WEFATG. John Summerlot also provided ideas on a banner and brand for the campaign along with a video. The WEFATG decided to execute these options. Sharron also drafted an information paper for use on the outreach program. Comments were provided by members and final version was accepted.

As previously reported, the first temple talk video “What’s it all about?” was provided at both services on 12 July. John Summerlot also provided two 6 foot x 2 foot banners that were placed in the Narthex and will show the progress of the campaign. There will be 6 temple talks of which the first 3 will be videos. Fred

filmed and produced the videos with participants being Louise, Pastor, Mark, John, Emily, and Nancy-Pat. Emails to members are also planned. The website was also modified by Fred to include information (2 pages) on the Appeal. The Temple talk video was also placed on the website.

During the last period, Temple Talk 2 video, “Why is the Worship Appeal enhancements so Important?” and the Temple Talk 3 video, “What are the Envisioned Uses of the Enhancements?” were provided at the two services on 26 Jul and 4 Aug respectively. During this period, Temple Talk 4, “Words on the Street”!!, and Temple Talk 5, “Caulking, Lucy, and a Wedding!!” were provided to both services on respective Sundays. The videos were put together by Fred and consisted of a panel of members of All Saints answering these basic questions. Panelists included John Summerlot, Emily Summerlot, Mark Steiner, Louise Waynant, Nancy-Pat Weaver, Sharron Sample, and Pastor Rhinesmith. Both videos were placed on the All Saints website. As of 14 Sep, \$32,970 (41.2% of goal) has been committed by 36 contributors. The amount remaining to meet the goal of \$80,000 is \$47,030 (58.8%) by 20 Sep.

b. **Committee Membership:**

- 1) **Grounds and Maintenance Committee/Team Workers:**
 - Chuck Arnold
 - Dave Baine
 - Wayne Bossler
 - Eric Thompson
 - Steve Roberts
 - Walter Knausenberger
 - Mark Steiner
 - The Ale Saints and others who does the lawn service (John Summerlot, Jim Sichelman, Chuck Arnold, Steve Roberts, Mark Steiner, Jim Meyer, Eric Davis, Gary Rhinesmith, Bill Braun, and Wayne Bossler)
- 2) **Day Care Committee**
 - Fred Wentland
 - Susan Beers
 - Melissa Steiner
- 3) **Audio/Visual (AV) Multimedia Task Group**
 - Sharron Sample (Chr)
 - Mark Steiner
 - Fred Wentland
 - Pastor Rheinsmith
- 4) **A/V and Rug Replacement Appeal Task Group**
 - Fred Wentland (Chr)
 - Ellen Hug
 - Sharron Sample

- Rob Watson
- Pastor Rhinesmith

c. **Property Management Plans:**

- 1) **Property Care and Maintenance.** Address property maintenance issues as they arise.
- 2) **Day Care:** Work with Day Care point person (Fred Wentland) and continue planning to standup the day care.
- 3) **Rug Replacement.** The original rug in the Sanctuary and activities area needs to be replaced. Larry and Fred have had preliminary discussions. Fred has worked with Larry to obtain the dimensions of the floor area. Fred and Pastor have obtained two contractor proposals and provided them to the WEFTAG.
- 4) **Audio/Visual (AV) Multimedia Task Group.** Obtained approval of the Council to proceed with campaign to fund Phase 1 via the new Appeal Task Group. Additional information on the Breasia Productions on the AV system proposal is needed to clarify the labor associated with each of the three phases:
 - Phase 1: Sound system in sanctuary & fellowship hall.
 - Phase 2: Video system in sanctuary.
 - Phase 3: Video system in nursery and fellowship hall & recording in sanctuary
- 5) **Capital Campaign.** Complete the plan for the fund raising that started on 12 Jul

2. Website Management.

A. **Activities During the Reporting Period.**

- 1) **Site Updating:**
 - a. Fred Wentland has temporarily taken over in making uploads to the Website which included: (1) Calendar of Activities via Jean Ream; (2) 3 issues of the Ministry and Missions; (3) 4 issues of the Announcements; and (4) one issue of the Grapevine.
 - b. Fred worked with various Liaison persons to update various portions of the website.
- 2) **Video:** As previously reported, Fred added a total of Sunday Services (42) and Worship Enhancement Appeal (4) videos to the website. The 42 Sunday services (including gospel reading, children's sermon, prayer, and adult sermon) provided by the Pastor have been put on the website. There have been approximately 550 persons that have accessed these videos since they have been posted. This is an average of about 13 hits/video. One of the services had 75 hits. The videos were removed from the website to revise

them by removing the anthems. Approximately 10 have been revised and placed back on the website.

B. **Plans.**

- 1) Plan to have meeting of the Website Working Group in the October 2015 timeframe.
- 2) Fred will be updating the Website weekly. John Summerlot will be updating as required Facebook.

3. **Stewardship**

a. **Activities During the Reporting Period:**

1) The Stewardship committee met on 25 August 2015. The following areas were discussed:

- a) **Ministry Faire.** Ministry Faire date is 30 August with the theme “Listen, God is Calling”. Norma stated that 23 groups have signed up with 3 new first-timers. Norma also prepared articles for the Grapevine and the worship programs. Fred has added information on the website main page. Norma has also ordered refreshments. Rob will be updating the Stewardship panel.
- b) **Consecration Sunday.** The theme is “LISTEN, God’s CALLING ...” Based on discussions at the June meeting, it was decided that the themes for the three temple talks. The timeline including the temple talks is as follows:

- September 14: Inputs for Devotion Booklet to Norma
- September 23: Devotion Booklet Completed, published and mailed
- September 23: Introduction Letter via email to membership
- September 27: Temple Talk 1 – Responding Faithfully
- October 4: Temple Talk 2 – Responding Joyfully
- October 11:
 - Temple Talk 3 – Responding Generously (include stair step Graphic to be based on information from Dan Bendt)
 - All Saints Leader’s Dinner
- October 18:
 - Consecration Sunday Service
 - Sunday Lunch Celebration (Luncheon by Chris Greenawalt)
- Email will be used to introduce the Consecration program and to allow an RSVP response to the luncheon ... response cards will also be available as an option and mailed only to those who receive a printed Grapevine.

- 2) **Ministry Faire**. The Ministry Faire was held on 30 Aug 2015 and was a complete success primarily because of the support and leadership by Norma.

b. **Plans**: Plan to meet in 23 Sep 2015.

4. Budget and Finance

a. **Activities During the Reporting Period**: None

b. **Plans**: Monitor the financial activities and address any financial issues that arise.

c. **Current Member List**:

- 1) Larry Floor
- 2) Pastor Rhinesmith
- 3) Norma Schmidt
- 4) Donita Johnson
- 5) Jane Bossler
- 6) John Summerlot
- 7) Fred Wentland (Temp Chair)
- 8) Dan Bendt