

Hospitality and Membership Ministry Meeting Notes

April 19, 2021

Present: Harold Hight, Barb Hanniford, Linda Morris, Linnea Stafford, and Eileen West

Opening

Gayle opened the meeting at 7 pm with an Apache blessing.

Old Business

- Prayer shawls. One prayer shawl was delivered last month. Karen Kaulen is also making shawls now and has delivered one. No new names were suggested.
- New members. Scott Mackall was asked but declined.
- Birthday postcards. Barb will send cards in May and June (possibly with help from Kathy Robinson). Linda will handle July and August. Barb will talk with Kathy about helping out, perhaps with Linnea.
- Mystery members. Prospective May mystery members are Lydia Lumpkin, Heather Lohman, and Wayne Schneider.
- Name that Tune was very successful and fun, with 35 attending.
- The Easter scavenger hunt also went very well, with good feedback and 14 kids participating.
- Yoga class. The yoga class that started in 2020 was interrupted due to the pandemic, but participants had already paid, and the teacher had been paid. She recently contacted Gayle about doing the final three classes via Zoom. These will be open only to those who already paid. They'll be held on Thursday evenings, May 13, 20, and 27. The instructor will then offer summer classes at the church outdoors; these will be open to anyone. Some logistics will need to be determined later.

New Business

- Name that TV Theme Song. We agreed that this would be a great follow-up to the "Name that Tune" event. Harold will talk with Scott Baughman about the idea to see if he's willing to help emcee again. We discussed holding it outdoors in the church parking lot, possibly Saturday, June 19 or 26. We could ask for RSVPs and set up pods to socially distance folks. Sound equipment would be needed. We could use our popcorn machine. We also discussed the idea

of having a hybrid event—in person and live streamed—but we weren't sure how realistic this is. We will firm up plans at our May meeting.

- Prospective new members. Pastor Amy sent Eileen and Gayle a list of prospective new members, some of whom had attended prior to the pandemic and others who have begun attending virtually since the pandemic began. She asked us to think about ways to contact them and engage. She suggested that the “Men Baking Bread” group may be willing to make loaves that we could deliver. We agreed that this is a possibility; we could each take a name or two and arrange a time to deliver a loaf and chat briefly as a way of getting to know them. We were not clear whether the eventual intent is to offer some type of prospective member gathering outdoors (Gayle suggested “pastries in the parking lot”). These initial conversations could help us gauge interest in such a gathering. Gayle or Eileen will seek more clarification from Pastor Amy. One prospective member is moving to California in June, but this does not mean that he will not continue to participate in virtual worship and possibly faith formation activities. We discussed the need to think differently about participation, membership, and giving in the future. We may have “virtual members” or participants, even when we return to in-person worship.
- Founders Day trivia contest. Because the Fellowship Ministry coordinates Founders Day, and we already have a potential event for June, we decided not to pursue this.

Our meeting was closed at 8. Our next meeting is **Monday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m.** We will meet outside at the church, weather permitting.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Hanniford