

Hospitality and Membership Ministry Meeting Notes

October 11, 2021

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

Opening

Eileen opened the meeting at 7:05 pm by sharing the second verse of our opening hymn from the previous Sunday's service.

Old Business

- Resignation

Tracey Lohman has resigned from the committee due to her schedule.

- New welcome bags

Kelley had emailed two updated versions of our church brochure; we selected the one with the bicentennial photo. We suggested a couple more small edits. Once Pastor Amy's letter is done and the brochure is final, we will be ready to assemble the bags. [Update: letter done, a few more edits being made on the brochure]

- New Member Orientation

Eileen will be working with Leah on having the prospective new member folder contents updated before the October 24 orientation. We agreed to contact the prospective members to whom we each delivered bread and invite them to attend the orientation. We made a couple of switches in names. Eileen will make sure that we have the phone numbers and find out whether people have received an invitation prior to our phone call. [Update: we later got the phone numbers and email addresses as well as a copy of the invitation emailed to those on the list.]

- Church greeters

Sign-Up Genius is working relatively well for recruiting greeters but will need to be promoted regularly. Barb will also use personal recruitment as needed.

- Prayer shawls

No new names were suggested.

- Birthday postcards

Kathy Robinson has volunteered to continue sending cards in November and December!

- Get to know a member

A decision was made after our last meeting to feature Bruce Hansford rather than Frank Hairston, who will be featured in the following issue. Barb interviewed Bruce and submitted the article for the upcoming *Messenger*.

- Welcome bags for children
Eileen met with Pastor Kim. Because Kim is creating activity boxes for children each week, they decided that welcome bags were not needed at this time.
- 2022 Budget request
Eileen shared that our committee has requested \$475, including postage. She provided the breakdown of the request.
- Holiday connection activity
Eileen shared that she communicated with Julie Wallace from Fellowship and Pastor Amy, and we're going forward with our virtual Ugly Sweater Contest. We may call it a "Festive Holiday Fashion" event to expand beyond sweaters. We may create divisions, such as the youth division, and we plan to create funny awards. We'll do the judging. Linnea agreed to collect and assemble the pictures that people will send her. We plan to announce this in the November 19 update, and we'll ask that pictures be submitted to Linnea by December 1. We are considering having people wear their sweaters or other festive and funny fashion to church on December 12 or 19. We'll discuss more at our November meeting.

New Business

- Council update
Barb shared several updates from Council, including changes in the Health and Safety Policy, personnel changes (Pastor Kim's reduced schedule, Leah's added responsibilities as financial administrator), and approval of AV equipment purchase.
- Laity Sunday
Linda will be doing the greeting on Sunday morning. We were asked if we wanted to add anything creative to go along with her greeting, but we agreed that we didn't.
- WISE Covenant
Linda encouraged us to provide any feedback about the covenant draft to her. The draft will be in the upcoming *Messenger*. We agreed to discuss this at our November meeting.

Our next meeting is **Tuesday, November 9 at 7:00 pm**. We will meet via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Hanniford