

## Hospitality and Membership Ministry Meeting Notes

October 11, 2021

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

### Opening

Gayle opened the meeting at 7:05 pm by sharing an autumn prayer.

### WISE Covenant

We began by discussing the draft WISE covenant that we had received before the meeting. Linda explained that some revisions had been made recently as a result of suggestions from national WISE network members. These suggestions included making sure the covenant is not too specific about the future and including an annual review process. Our consensus was that the covenant is a good one and that our ongoing work will be to put the covenant into action. Eileen initially wondered whether it was important to focus specifically on children, youth, and the elderly, but understood the reasoning as she thought further about it. Pastor Amy wondered how we can target the people who can really use the openness we have to offer.

### Old Business

- [“Festive Fa-La-La Fashion”](#)

We solidified plans for a holiday activity which we’re calling **Festive Fa-La-La Fashion** (formerly the Ugly Sweater Contest).

- Gayle will draft an announcement for the Friday update and share it with us for input. It will go in the November 19 and 26 update and posted on church Facebook page.
- People send pictures of themselves in their festive garb to Linnea via email or Gayle via text. Deadline is December 3.
- Linnea will compile the pictures like a Christmas album which can then be emailed to the congregation sometime after December 12.
- Members can also wear their festive garb to church on December 12, when the Advent theme is Joy.
- We can decide to give awards but don’t need to advertise this.

- [New welcome bags](#)

The final brochure is set and can be put in welcome bags this week. Pastor Amy emphasized that the brochure is in Word format, and we can change it at any time.

- Church greeters  
Barb has had to do more personal recruitment for church greeters. The Sign-Up Genius is garnering few sign-ups despite being promoted in the weekly update. Please sign up often!
- Prayer shawls  
No new names were suggested. This responsibility may return to the Deacons in the future.
- Birthday postcards  
Kathy Robinson has volunteered to continue sending cards in November and December. We decided to use greeting cards instead of post cards, perhaps purchasing them in bulk. We can add a Bible verse or blessing.
- Get to know a member  
Barb will interview Frank Hairston and write an article for the next *Messenger*.
- New Member Orientation  
John and Debbie Schinker and Marilyn Freeman joined the church on November 7. Potential new members in the spring are the Harems, Sylvia Smith, and Jill Lowery. The Reynolds are also possibilities. Pastor Amy has a Google Doc list and will send us a link.

#### New Business

- Committee Membership  
Most of our terms are expiring this year, with the exception of Harold. Gayle and Eileen have agreed to continue as co-chairs. Barb said she would continue for a two-year term in order to help create staggered terms. Linnea will continue. We're to let Gayle or Eileen know what we want to do.
- Other
  - Directory.** Pastor Amy said that a new church directory will be needed at some point when we are further through the pandemic. We can look forward to this responsibility in the future. Barb mentioned the need to do a thorough membership review. It's on Pastor Amy's radar to be done in the future.
  - Members moving.** How can we share news when members move? How do we say goodbye? Can we include information in the *Messenger*? This may be a new activity/responsibility for our group.

Our next meeting is **Monday, December 13 at 7:00 pm**. We will meet via Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barb Hanniford