

## Membership minutes    March 3, 2015

Present: Ann, Fran, Joanna, Sherry, new committee member Joan Harvey and guest Denise Lyons.

*Board action in recruiting extra people to work on focus #2 of the 4 part agenda.*

Greeters:

8 – Sherry and Joan

15 Joanna

22 Fran

29 Pru

Reports of checking in those we haven't seen in services for some time.

Pru (via email) reported that we have 2 hosts for the circle dinner on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and sign up is on track.

We thanked Ann and Jenny Gelfen for their extra work on the new pictorial directory.

As a member of the Planning Committee, Denise spoke to us about the 4 areas that we are to focus on in future meetings:

1. Celebrate and support what is already happening and well done
2. Broaden Expand welcoming and engaging new members. How could we do this? Perhaps by asking if they would like to

contribute in a one-time activity e.g. decorating the altar, provide food for coffee hour. Sherry mentioned a class she attended at her daughter's church where the 20's, 30's and 40 year olds discussed "spiritual parenting". It might be a good activity to bring in more younger people. Sometimes parents attend and bring their children. Maybe we can provide the kind of activities where children would attend and their parents might be brought into the fold secondarily.

Denise told us about a time line of a new member entering the sanctuary for a service, then attending coffee hour, then perhaps be involved in an event, then joining a committee, and then perhaps becoming a leader.

We have a survey each new member should receive to address what he/she would like to see at church. Does the survey need to be revamped? What are the talents and how can they be used?

Welcoming and engaging activities might be expanded to include an "umbrella committee".

3. Deepen Create more inter-generational activities etc.

4. Commit In what ways might our committee incorporate addressing global warming?

New member classes will take place after services on April 26, May 3 and May 17. Recognition of new members will be on June 7<sup>th</sup>.