

Minutes

Welcoming & Engagement Committee

November 2, 2017 5:00 - 6:00 pm

Present: Barbara, Pru, Zoe, Laurie & Polly

Absent: Joby & Moira

CHECK IN AND SHORT SILENT MEDITATION

WELCOME TO ZOE POTTER, new committee member

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Welcoming and Engagement Committee is to develop an ongoing welcoming and engagement process rooted in kindness, inclusivity and relationship building, directed toward the creation and support of a loving community.

October 5 meeting)....thoughts and ideas

To begin to formulate a mentoring program with specific ideas and volunteers to help lead the initiative forward. **On the agenda for next time.**

MEETING FOCUS:

To review and update ongoing initiatives.

CURRENT INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING :

A big thank you to Pru and Joby for organizing a great potluck dinner after church. Many hands turned out to work, so many, that they also peeled all the potatoes for next week's red flannel hash. (Choir had social hour, so they came, WEC members came and certain key others were called who also came.)

NB: A good idea for the future is to repeat this event and timing the Sunday before the RFHash dinner.

Read and bring all the attachments from Barbara's 10/30 email. One of them is the "Befriender" info. Come prepared with ideas from it. Barbara will have talked to Leon about his membership ideas. We will talk about that.

Moira will chair our meetings when Barbara is away in Australia Jan-April. She will stay in touch.

Next meeting Thursday December 7, 5:00 PM.

Committee Cafe is Tuesday Nov 7. Zoe and Pru will each make a tossed salad for 12.

The UU has inherited from Ski Runners a money-making project of selling wreaths. WEC will organize a simple wreath decorating event after church on Sunday Nov. 19th. (pinecone clusters and bows will be provided) We could each bring 3 people to stay and help. Barbara will contact Elizabeth Daniels to tell her about this.

Barbara will email what our prep looks like for Sunday when she returns on the 12th. Talk to Donna Durgin?

REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 5 MEETING

To discuss points brought up by Leon at our last meeting (please refer to minutes from September).

Continue with ongoing tasks.....

Welcomer schedule/ sign up in social hall?

Polly

Polly Wrote up wording for Geraldine to put in O of S with her contact info. It will also appear in the Quest. The next 2 Sundays Nov 5 and 12 will be covered by Pru and Zoe respectively. A schedule will be posted by the kitchen door.

Future potlucks dates and organization/ optimal frequency

Pru

Next potluck dinner to be scheduled December 3. Every other month until Ken Woodhead provides Souper Sundays. Pru and Joby N B: When does Ken Woodhead start his winter soup Sundays?

Restocking blue cards in pews...Pru?

* Zoe will restock blue cards.

Improving communication about activities at church (part of weekly service? e.g...Evensong or Wednesday morning meditation)

(Committee cafe Nov.7... who might represent committee?)

*Rotate a verbal reminder weekly or monthly in church as well as in O of S before the event takes place.

Talk to Worship Committee about how to do this. Barbara

*Create a special category on the committees' bulletin board in the social hall stating regular activities.

*Remind people to look at it.

*Post a name and contact info beside the event possibly with a photo, for further info.

Laurie to talk to the communications committee about how to create this new category on the bulletin board.

NEW INITIATIVES/ MAJOR MEETING FOCUS

Mentoring Program at the North Chapel....what would be important?

Committee members: Review September meeting minutes about points of mentoring.

Establish goals

How would we achieve these goals? Let's get specific!

Tasks of sub-committee to meet and report back at Dec. meeting...

who will be on this committee?

WINTER MEETINGS

Moirra will be chairing the meetings Jan. through April while Barbara is away

CLOSING READINGwho would like to bring a reading for next meeting?

Next meeting: Thursday, December 7 at 5:00.