

WEC Meeting 3 December 2015

Present: Barbara Bartlett, Rick & Kathy Fiske, Richard Schramm, Polly Forcier, Shoshana Belisle, Naomi Malik, Joanna Garbisch

Absent: Pru Schuler

2. Meeting Objectives

Initiatives are in process but small pieces still need to fall in place.

Rick to take over committee meetings for January – April while Barbara is away.

3. Sharing progress on Initiatives

VISITORS HANDOUT – Kathy presented a mock up that she and Geraldine put together for review. Overall concept for 3 part folding brochure is good but layout of topics within needs to be revised and some wording eliminated. Also there are graphic issues such as size/type of font and illustrations that need to be improved.

Action: Kathy to follow up with Geraldine

ENGAGEMENT IDEAS - Naomi and Shoshana would like to see more energy within the service, more people within the congregation need to be engaged to create a friendlier atmosphere. One suggestion is a brief time for people to speak to one another around them . Another is more individual music interspersed within the service.

Action: Rick to talk to Wendy Pantoja; Naomi and Shoshana to follow up with Worship Committee.

COFFEE HOUR REVIEW – People are bringing in food for Coffee Hour and the Round Table has been set up to encourage people to sit down and talk. Naomi suggested that having colored coffee mugs set aside for new comers would make it easier for members to engage them in conversation.

Action: Naomi to purchase some mugs and announcement to be made in service as well as printed in Order of Service.

COMMUNICATIONS BULLETIN BOARD – The communications bulletin board is now up in the social hall and is to be managed by Deb Rices's Communication Committee for listing activities within the church.

Action: Barbara to make a heading "Welcome to North Chapel"

"ROUND TABLE " DISSCUSIONS –Richard reported that the recent Sunday round table discussion after Dr. Dennis McCullough's service on aging was well attended by 12 people in addition to Dr. McCullough. Wendy Smith recorded the talk to be sent out to the group. Another

program to be co-sponsored with Thompson Senior Center and Dr. McCullough has been proposed.

Action: Richard to follow up and keep committee informed.

COMMUNICATION EASEL - Barbara and Gina have set up an easel in the front foyer for timely announcements of upcoming events and concerts.

Action: Communication Committee to be in charge of placing the announcements.

WELCOMING GREETER - After 3 weeks of Rick greeting outside the door on Sundays, he has had nothing but positive feedback. He will continue for one more week and then invite others to do it.

Action: Rick and Kathy will visit other UU Churches to get more insight on welcoming members and new visitors.

SIGNAGE THROUGHOUT BUILDING - Polly and Pru have been working with Gina on signage and have come up with a list of what signs and where there are needed. The signage is to be more professional and not posted notes on doors. Polly has submitted a comprehensive review of what will be done.

Action: Gina to pass on review to Building and Grounds for follow up.

4. New Initiatives

Sign up for Coffee Hour hosting for Month of December

Dec 7 – Naomi & Shoshana; Dec 13 – Barbara & Chris; Dec 20 – Rick & Kathy; Dec 27 – Polly & Richard. Joanna is available to set up or clean up as needed.

Other ideas – see Naomi ideas under Coffee Hour Review

NEXT MEETING - JANUARY 7 2016