

Notes from WEC Meeting April, 6, 2016

In Attendance: Kathy, Rick Fiske, Pru, Richard. Absent: Polly, Shoshana, Naomi, Joanna

Discussion

Kathy began by reading our mission statement.

We reviewed and revised Guidelines for Welcoming First Time Visitors of August 20, 2015. Agreed it's important to have designated greeters at each service - see *Guidelines for welcoming first time visitors revised 7/7/16*. Rick will make another effort to recruit designated greeters.

Pru said that the membership committee is picking up the names and addresses of visitors and sending a thank you note - she will check with the committee.

Pru also emphasized the importance of Circle Dinners which helps to bring us together.

We discussed the importance of setting up a table(s) in the social hall for post service discussion.

We discussed the need for a *pastoral care group* to help members of the congregation drive to doctor visits, shop for food, make errands and the like. Joan Williamson and Nancy Peterson used to do this. It was agreed that this is not the role of the WEC and that Rick will advise Denise and Susan of our discussion.

We agreed on the importance of becoming a *designated welcoming congregation* to attract a new minister and be openly welcoming to everyone, regardless of sexual gender or preferences. Rick will also share this with Denise and Susan.

Rick and Kathy will be away from April 12 to May 17, missing the next meeting of **May 5**. Barbara returns April 17 and will facilitate the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6PM.

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