

WEC Meeting May 5, 2016

Present: Barbara Bartlett, Richard Schramm, Joanna Garbisch, Polly Forcier
And one beautiful male Blackburnian Warbler i.d. by Polly

Absent: Pru Schuler, Shoshana Belisle, Naomi Malik, Rick & Kathy Fiske

1. Sharing Progress on Initiatives

Discussion of Accomplishments of past few months

ESATBLISHMENT OF WELCOMING GREETER – for Sunday service was started by Rick in addition to Membership Greeter who hands out Order of Service.

Action: Barbara and Polly will follow up and personally ask others to participate. When Rick returns will ask him to follow up on prior efforts to get “Official Designated Welcoming Status”

COFFEE HOUR UPDATE

Setting up of tables with seating was very successful during January and February when Ken Woodhead was serving soup.

The request for weekly contributions for the food table from Church members has worked well.

Suggestion was made to have names tags available downstairs for coffee hour as well as blue mugs for visitors.

Action: Polly to write Ken a thank you. Barbara to speak to Ann Wynia about having a round table set up weekly by coffee hour hosts.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION

Notes of February 4 meeting show that this was suggested and was to be followed up on by Richard. He was to ask Service Speaker if they would host a table discussion after the service. To date, several speakers have done so.

Action: When needed, Richard will pick a Reflection Topic once a month for Round Table Discussion (but not during July or August). When Topic Is selected Richard to notify Geraldine in advance so it can be included in the Quest.

CIRCLE DINNER – Pru’s circle dinners for Feb/Mar were well attended. It was suggested that one be added to the fall calendar.

Pru also suggested we have pot luck lunches following the service more frequently.

Action: this is still open for discussion

CARING/PASTORAL CARE GROUP – There is a need for making congregation aware of needs of others within the church but how to go about this is open for further discussion, “setting up a point person”. Richard suggested that the Clearness Committee might be called into action more often.

2. New Ideas

In the monthly Quest introduce a new member with an article about them.

Action: Polly to get names of new members from Sherry Belisle and ask Linda Galvao if she would interview and write an article for the Quest.

Special Interest groups, support groups and topics need to be pursued.

Action: Richard to ask Mary Blanton and Don Ransom if any interest in restarting a Covenant group.

Barbara to ask Geraldine to put notice in Quest asking for suggestions for support or topical groups.

Ricahrd suggested that we end each of our meetings with a reading. He volunteered to bring something for our next meeting. It was also suggested that the minutes of the previous meeting, highlighting Action steps, be distributed with the agenda each month.

NEXT MEETING – June 2, 2016