

Welcoming & Engagement Committee Notes

June 1, 2017

Present: Barbara, Polly, Joby, Pru, Kathy

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Changes in committee membership - both Joanna Garbish and Rick Fiske have left the committee. Linda Galvao, Richard Schramm, Mary Hawkins and Laurie Marshall are possible additional members.

MINUTES of MAY 4th meeting accepted. As to the question of some people thinking designated welcomers are redundant - Anne Wynia sees good results with many happy faces coming into the sanctuary so we will continue.

CURRENT INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:

- Signups for June Coffee hour - 6/4 Barbara Bartlett and Judy Williamson, 6/11 Rick and Kathy, 6/18 Polly and Jack, 6/25 Joby and Anne.
- Welcomers schedule - 6/11 Jack and Polly - **Polly** will email Anne and Neil, J and Renee and Brenda to schedule them.
- Blue cards, pencils, brochures and extra name tags on back table will be filled in by membership greeters. **Kathy** will get a box to store extras for filling in on the candle shelves.
- UUA brochures - We got 25 for \$7. The rack needs to be cleaned up. Would a wall mount in the narthex be ok with Buildings and Grounds? **Polly** will look into creating a welcoming table in narthax.
- Adding Icons to outdoor welcoming sign - WEC approved of both images on the free standing sign. **Kathy** follow up with Gina and the sign painter.
- Barbara met with Sherry about possible merging of Membership and WEC and it was decided that they will remain separate. In order to improve communication, the two committees will share minutes and Barbara and Sherry will check in with one another. **Barbara** will make phone calls to follow up on blue cards and ask Anne Wynia to put them in the box on the candle shelf.

PLANNING RETREAT TO BE HELD IN PLACE OF OUR JULY 6th MEETING 3 to 6:00 at Barbara's house. Goals and expectations for that meeting include:

- Creating a committee constitution (number of members, goals, etc.),
- Deciding what works and what doesn't
- New ideas for WEC activities. Since welcoming is covered, engagement needs to grow. Efforts will be focused on pizza night (with Deb Rice or the service coordinator inviting attendance), ice cream socials, pot lucks, singles night, a book group. Efforts must be made to encourage participation.

notes submitted - Kathy Fiske