

Minutes

Welcoming & Engagement Committee

August 10 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Present: Barbara Bartlett (chair), Polly Forcier (secretary), Joby Thompson, Pru Schuler, Moira Notargiacomo, Laurie Marshall

New committee members Laurie Marshall and Moira Notargiacome were welcomed and it was announced that Kathy Fiske has retired from the committee.

Check-in and short silent meditation

Mission Statement

Review of minutes of July retreat

None presented/passed this over.

MEETING FOCUS: To discuss and approve a new Committee Constitution. To review the focus and goals that we decided upon at the retreat and to begin to determine how we might approach our goals.

Constitution reworded by Joby and Barbara. Well done.

CURRENT INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:

Continue with ongoing tasks.....

Welcomer schedule

Polly to make up list for September. Barbara to talk to Leon to see if he wants to be the welcomer when he comes in September.

Potlucks and Coffee hour

Pru, potlucks every other month starting in September on the one Sunday when there is no other post service commitment. Could be a "welcoming potluck" for Leon. Pru wonders how many to expect? Thereafter every other month.

Contacting those who fill out blue cards

Barbara will do this. Ann Wynia sends her the names.

Other continuing initiatives

Polly and Barbara to move tables to accommodate brochures? Need to pass this with Ann Wynia. Barbara will. Perhaps we'll use existing pamphlet holder. Idea is to set up the larger table in the narthex with newly ordered brochures.

DETERMINE COMMITTEE BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

Moira is on the finance committee and suggests that we keep this figure low, \$200. Barbara will let Ann Wynia know.

REVIEW, MAKE CHANGES, AND APPROVE OF COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

All approved of new Committee Constitution.

DISCUSS AND PRIORITIZE GOALS FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Sign up for the goal we each would like to work on

Moira will undertake to write a monthly column about engagement opportunities and the work of the committee for the Quest and other publications. Also to be posted on the bulletin board under Communications and to be given to Geraldine for the proper venue. Maybe also an announcement in church. Need to establish a means of coordinating with the Communications committee in the future.

In preparation for next month's meeting everyone should give thought to how to establish a mentoring program for new members. This will be the focus of our September meeting.

Closing reading Billy Collins "Love"

Next meeting: Thursday, September 7 at 5:00 pm

Polly Forcier, Secretary

