

## Minutes

Welcoming & Engagement Committee October 5, 2017 5:00 - 6:00 pm

### CHECKIN AND SHORT SILENT MEDITATION

**Present: Barbara, Joby, Moira, Pru, Laurie, Polly and Leon.**

**MISSION STATEMENT:** The mission of the Welcoming and Engagement Committee is to develop an ongoing welcoming and engagement process rooted in kindness, inclusivity and relationship building, directed toward the creation and support of a loving community.

### MEETING FOCUS:

To briefly update ongoing initiatives and coordinate activities with SE and Membership.

To devote the majority of the meeting for discussion with Leon to lay the groundwork for how we might support him and thoughts about the future focus of the committee.

**CURRENT INITIATIVES FROM LAST MEETING:** Continue with ongoing tasks.....

Welcomer schedule Polly **Polly will ask Sherry about posting a schedule beside the kitchen for those willing to sign up for outside welcomer.**

Potlucks dates and organization Pru and Joby **October 29 is the first.**

Monthly column interviewing new members and about what WEC is doing and engagement opportunities - Moira **By Thursday 13th**

to write

up about the RE's pancake breakfast to be held the 15th @ 9:00 before church. Ask Geraldine if she needs help? In other ways? Get someone else to help?

## NEW INITIATIVES

Supporting SE activities (Bake sale follow-up - Pancake Breakfast Oct. 15)

Request from Membership committee Sherry asks if WEC would interview new members to find what their interests and hopes might be. It was decided to wait until a membership process was developed and then if would probably be incorporated.

Suggestions were made for raising awareness of membership process throughout the year.

Mentoring Program: Continue discussion at November meeting (Judy Williamson said she would be happy to be a mentor).

## MAJOR MEETING FOCUS

Questions for and discussions with Leon

\*From your experiences with other churches what thoughts, ideas and suggestions might you have for our committee?

Leon joins the discussion And asks, "what can we do to make people want to come? How/ Make a culture that is welcoming in nature. "Radical hospitality"? Pathway to membership...one step at a time. Option to meet in small groups? Talk about what the NC means to us. Ask "What do you need"? Can meet after church at coffee hour or in small groups upstairs. Service coordinator be

point man?

Leon posits to us: If you were going to plant a garden, what would you do? It is a metaphor for How to Attract New Members.

\*What are your broad plans for North Chapel and how might we be helpful and supportive?

Closing reading

Next meeting: Thursday, November 2 at 5:00 pm Joby will provide the next reading.

Respectfully submitted, Polly Forcier