

6 October 2016

WEC MINUTES

PRESENT: RICK & KATHY FISKE, PRU SCHULER, JOBY THOMPSON, JOANNA GARBISCH, BARBARA BARTLETT

ABSENT: POLLY FORCIER, RICHARD SCHRAMM, NAOMI MALIK

Barbara noted that SHOSANA BELISLE has switched over to the Worship Committee

1. CURRENT INITIATIVES - What we've done in the past year and Where we are going...

i. Recruiting new Welcomers

Rick submitted list of UU members who could be considered along with committees and other activities that they are associated with and it shows that most members are already committed. The recommendation is to have a calendar showing dates available for Welcoming and leaving it up to individuals to sign up if they wish.

ACTION: Rick to set up a calendar with Geraldine and make note of it in the Quest as well mention in service with announcements.

ii. Blue cards have been placed in all the pews.

ACTION: Barbara will ask Geraldine to include in Order of Service. Rick will check to see that they are replaced as needed.

iii. Welcome Sign- Rick reviewed the sign with Gina Auremia who suggested a change of the word "This" to "Our". The Committee was in agreement with the new wording. Sign to be placed outside, will be printed on vinyl and placed behind an acrylic sheet.

ACTION: Rick to coordinate with Gina

iv. In Service Welcome – Committee recommends taking time to welcome those seated nearby in the Service. It is important to make all feel welcome.

ACTION: Jobe to arrange with Worship Committee to include this instruction on worksheet for Service Coordinator.

v. New Brochure - Updated Brochure by Kathy needs more visibility.

ACTION: Basket on table in foyer to be filled with brochure. Barbara to ask Geraldine to include this in Order of Service

- vi. Coffee Hour – Round Table comes and goes. Need to place sign in kitchen to remind members handling the weekly coffee hour to make sure that a table is in place.
ACTION: Pru will follow up with sign
- vii. Reaching out to the community- The committee felt it was important to check with the Board to see how they would like the Welcome and Membership Committees reach out to the community.
ACTION: Barbara will meet with Denise Lyons and Susan Inui

2. NEW INITIATIVES

What can we do as a committee to foster engagement of the congregation and outside community in sponsoring activities to bring families and people of various ages together outside of the regular Church service.

- i. Craft Project – Barbara has set up a craft project for after the 20 November Service for all ages to make a prayer flag out of fabric.
ACTION: Pru and Joanna will help Barbara the week before with cutting fabric and preparing for the project.
- ii. Pot Luck Dinner – Pru suggested reinstating Pot Luck Dinners once a month after the service in place of coffee hour. Need to find a monthly Sunday that is not committed to After Service Meetings.
ACTION: Barbara to discuss with Geraldine.
- iii. Rick shared a list of current and possible future engagement activities suggesting we review at our Nov. 10 meeting.
ACTION: Rick will email list to WEC members prior to the meeting.

Engagement is the Focus Topic for next meeting

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