

WEC Meeting 1 October 2015

Present: Barbara Bartlett, Pru Schuler, Polly Forcier, Joanna Garbisch

Absent: Rick & Katy Fiske, Richard Schramm, Shoshana Belisle, Carol Egbert
Naomi Malik

2. Review Meeting Objectives

Goal of meetings is to make decisions and agree on responsibility for putting ideas into action. Member should report back to the group each meeting about their progress and celebrate out attempts.

3. Sharing Progress

COFFEE HOUR IN GENERAL

Encouraging all members of the congregation to contribute food for the coffee hour or help with clean up if they wish. Set up of coffee, tea and children's drinks to still be done by the Committee in charge for the month.

Action: Pru to ask Geraldine to include announcement in weekly Quest on Sundays and In Touch Newsletter. Pru will follow up with announcement in Sunday service.

SOCIAL HALL AESTHETICS

Making the Downstairs hall more welcoming with 1 long table and two round table with chairs to facilitate more in depth conversations.

Action: Further discussion with Barbara, Pru and Joanna in process.

Other improvements for the hall that were suggested: displaying some kind of art work on the wall such as quilts, painting and perhaps stenciling. Installing molding along the wall to hang the art work? This needs to be further investigated and eventually any recommendations approved by Building and Grounds Committee.

Action: Polly to begin process.

WELCOMING WENDY

Two coffee hours were set up, one was fairly well attended, the second had one participant. Discussed difficulty in getting people to be aware of activities, even if included in Order of Service and In Touch.

No new date for dinner has been chosen.

WRITING GROUP did not have any participants, but Carol's initiative was applauded. We need to continue to try to implement new ideas and see how they are received.

COMMUNICATIONS BOARD

Look into several attractive bulletin boards to be displayed in the hall for committees to post their announcements and for important church information. To be discussed with Geraldine.

Action: Barbara to follow up on Boards and talk to Jack and Gina

COMMUNICATION IN GENERAL

There is a need for better signage within building to navigate the various spaces.

Action: Barbara to discuss with Geraldine, Jack and Gina

We need to make sure people know about what is happening as too often they say they haven't heard about something.

Ideas discussed:

Have greeter mention special events when talking to people on Sunday morning.

Make announcements at coffee hour.

Be sure important announcements are up front on "In Touch"

Create sign board in foyer to announce important events.

4. Review/update of initiatives from last meeting

Kathy is working on visitor's handout. Kathy was not present but there was a general discussion on what needs to be included. One important issue is how to become a new member. At this time there is nothing in writing to hand out.

Barbara to attend Membership Committee Meeting on October 1 to review discussion to date and determine how Welcoming Committee and Membership Committee work together effectively

NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY NOVEMBER 5