

Membership Committee
Minutes, February 13, 2007

Present: Martha Clement, Gail Dyer, Carol Hounsell, Penny Lamarre, Marilyn Lynch, Dick Stuart

Marilyn opened the meeting by asking each member quickly what single word came to mind with the image of 'red'. Interesting, passionate, soulful ways we can work together on this committee. Chocolate all around.

Throughout the meeting each agenda item was explained the why & how to the new members Gail, Carol and Penny. (Yippee!! Welcome.)

Looked at the list of **potential new members**. Warren knows of 7 people who have definitely expressed interest and there are others who are likely to join as well.

The list (**Assimilation Sheet**) of those who have joined within the past year was given a quick look. We are all encouraged to personally invite and welcome newer folks to the regular happenings within the church i.e. Progressive Dinner, etc. Marilyn mentioned there is a binder/scrap book with **bios** and pictures of people as they have joined. Still needing bios for Jane Babin and Steve Lanning. Dick is all over that.

Bobbie reported on the latest **Council Meeting** and reminded us to be thinking about where and how this group fits under the umbrellas of Stewardship, Spirituality, or Leadership. Some brainstorming **goals** included:

- ◆ Bulletin Boards in Church Hall for each Committee with pics of members to know (Marilyn will talk to Olie and tell him to do it - enough of the conversation about this!)
- ◆ Invitation to Coffee Hours
- ◆ Update web page so it reflects what does go on here
- ◆ All-Church/all-committee members get together once or twice a year for education/spiritual growth/community building. Speaker or dinner or retreat/
 - ◆ All church 'day away" again as had been done at Geneva Point or Mowgli
 - ◆ Be more inclusive to people and/or programs going on downtown (Motorcycle race, Sled dog Derby winterfest, etc.)
- ◆ Send thank you cards to independent people who help out with specific events
- ◆ Be aware of what it says on the sign in front : times of worship?

There has been some talk of an all-church barbecue to be held on the church lawn sometime this spring, but it was thought a home or Opechee Point might make more sense for games, etc.

Greeters: It is the responsibility of this committee to be or find greeters at each entrance at the 9:30 service. Procedures are printed and it was gone over - name tag, guest book, popcorn, post card, etc. Let's move over and place the **guest register** in a more obvious spot.

Feb 18: Martha with Linda Turner Feb 25: Penny and Carol

Mar 4: Marilyn

Mar 11 Bobbie

March 18: Dick & Bobbie

March 25 Gail

Bobbie has been clipping "in the news" articles of those who are involved in this church and keeping the **bulletin board** by the office updated. She will continue. It was suggested it might be good to move that to the Church building where more people may see it.

Old file box of the **member activities**. It does get used by those looking for specifics about members for recognition, etc., but it hasn't been updated. Office e-file only keeps record of standing committees, not extras. (rummage sale workers, camp unit leaders, discussion leaders, etc) Should we continue?

We are responsible for **Coffee Hour on February 25**, and again on April 29. Plan to bring something, don't rely on leftovers from a funeral.

Meeting time was determined to take place on the first Tuesday of each month. Next meeting: **March 6th**. Penny offered to do the opening, Carol the closing.

Meeting ended with brief personal stories of who we are. Fascinating. Martha read the "Practice of Grace to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha