

## Membership Committee Minutes ~ January 8, 2008

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

Martha opened the meeting with a poem; the minutes accepted as printed.

Cindy Santy joined the committee to tell us what she has done for the **progressive dinner**: it'll be on February 9, she's looking for a couple other houses to host appetizers, as well as main courses, Boutons will host dessert. Sign up sheets will be at Sunday morning worship, last day to sign up will be 1/28. She and Kecia will get together after that to coordinate times and routes, and get the info back to participants. Her request of this committee is to invite people.

Oldies: **Bios** need to be done on members previously joined. Rullo, Graves, Heslams, & Austins. There was some discussion about **Name Tags** – best place to put them for social gatherings or worship what about the choir and visitors. It was decided to keep a running list at each door for those people who need new ones (to submit to Chris) also put a reminder at the name tag board to jot name down if one is needed. But no decision was reached about where and how to offer them and collect them that would be efficient.

Marilyn took a look at the **cultivation list**, but no action was taken. Bobbie has kept a good look out and knows details about some new people, the rest of us just smile and nod. It is important to be open and friendly and welcoming and take a risk to talk to someone new.

Emily had given a map and request of ticket sellers, ticket takers, greeters, and helpers for the **Corey Crowder concert** on January 11<sup>th</sup>. Marilyn, Dick & Ruth Stuart, Bobbie, and Linda will definitely be there in their assigned places. Carol, and Jeff Turner may be available to help as well.

Update from the **council** is that Laconia Area Land Trust is hoping to purchase several buildings downtown – what will that mean to the ministry and outreach of this congregation?

With the by-law changes, no **new members** will be added to this committee, but it was the last meeting for Marilyn Lynch. Her leadership and understanding of the dynamics of this group has been much appreciated. Thanks, Marilyn. Which brought us into the election of a new chairperson and secretary. So fitting that it is Primary Day in NH. Bumper stickers, signs, and campaign promises abounded, but finally the ballots were cast and the confetti and dust settled, Everyone wanted to do everything, but it was decided that Martha & Carol would take the two positions, and each member take a turn at attending the Council meeting. Dick Stuart will attend the meeting on January 30 and report back.

**Greeters** will now take on the extra responsibility of sharpening pencils, re-filling tissues in the pew, and neatening the prayer concern slips and welcome brochures. Extras are kept on the top shelf of the coat rack in the Pleasant Street foyer. If more brochures are needed, ask Chris.

Recruit others to help you greet from the previous list and get their names in the bulletin. For now:

January 13<sup>th</sup> – Penny & Val LaMarre

January 20<sup>th</sup> – Gail & Carol

January 27 – Martha & Linda

February 3 Bobbie & Linda

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.** Opening – Gail, Closing – Penny

Meeting closed with a prayer from Marilyn.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha*