

Membership Committee

Minutes, June 5, 2007

Present: Martha Clement, Gail Dyer, Carol Hounsell, Penny Lamarre, Marilyn Lynch, Dick Stuart, Bobbie Thomas, Linda Turner, Rev. Bouton guest: Alida Millham

Linda opened the meeting with a good formula for savoring each day.

The "Active Status" membership letter was reviewed and edited. Warren will re-do the first paragraph and clean up the other items as discussed. It was decided to send a return, stamped envelope for the response as well as including the email address. Chris had gone over the names of those earlier presented when questioning the activity status, a few more were removed, and maybe even a few more after Warren takes a closer look. Probably a dozen letters will be sent?

Bios for Tower Tidings still need to be submitted: Linda - Jorgansens; Martha - Judith Raybeck; Bobbie - Millers.

Appreciation for the Spring Barbecue was expressed for Cindy Santy, Tina Levasseur, and the Rawson family for pulling it all together and making it happen. Warren tried to re-enact Don Clarke's victory in the killer game of musical chairs, but he came up short by several inches.

How DO you find Veteran's Square if only relying on Mapquest? Hopefully that little glitch will be taken care of within the year. No specific address change will happen.

Marilyn gave an update of the previous 2 council meetings; intentionally approaching Stewardship in a broader context as well as focusing on priorities of Education, Spiritual Life, Leadership Development, and Communication. Membership Committee has a key role in how we are perceived as a welcoming congregation. By-law revision is in process; Nominating Committee will no longer require two people from Membership, but instead will have one rep from each committee serve as the Nominating Team; the Council is changing its role - very dynamic and not isolated, it is a body for communication.

Revisited the cultivation list, took off a few names, added several more. Highlighted a few names of people to call. It is very important that we greet and be welcoming to visitors, send the postcard, affirm the connection.

Bobbie and Marilyn spoke with a sales rep. from Olan Mills to produce a new pictorial directory. Although they do go out of date quickly, the previous one is less than three years old and it was decided to wait until next Spring to produce another.

The bulletin board in the church hall will be lowered and it will be used to highlight activities or current events that members are doing.

The question of how often Communion is offered to shut-ins was raised. Warren answered not as often as it should be. That might be something to bring to Caring Connections or one of the pastors from the congregation to consider. Hold in prayer : Muriel Berry, Sue & Deryck Knowles, Ruth & Fred Bauer; Bette Dudley.

Additional info: One service at 9:00 will begin June 24th. A new sexton, Greg Sousa, has been hired to replace retiring Gordon. Put "Welcome Bikers" on the church sign. Keep a church directory at the greeter's box at each door. A celebration in song for Jane Babin will be presented at the Unitarian Church on Sunday, June 10, at 1:00.

COFFEE HOUR ~ Sunday, June 24th.

GREETERS:

June 10th: Kecia, Matthew & William Stanley

June 17th: Joanne Whitticom, Katherine Dade, Marilyn

June 24th: Bobbie & Dick Stuart

July 1st: Bobbie & Linda

July 8th: Carol (& another)

July 15th: Bobbie & Linda

July 22nd: Penny & Val LaMarre

July 29th: Carol & Linda

August 5th : Martha (& another)

August 12th: Marilyn & Linda

August 19th: Carol (& another)

August 26th: Bobbie (& another)

September 2nd: Martha & Gail

Next Meeting: September 4th at 7:00 (opening: Martha Closing: ?)

Meeting closed with a prayer offered by Penny.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha