

Brecksville United Methodist Church
Koinonia Ministry Team
November 8, 2006

Present: Jennifer Sendrey and George Sendrey, George Gee, Karen Oehl, Chuck and Becky Gezze, Thuy Ai Nguyen, Mary Kontik

❖ The meeting opened with a recap of past events:

- The Hayride and Hot Dog Roast was held at Luther's Farm Market – The attendance was down, possibly due to inclement weather (rain) and conflicting events (youth trip to the Indians game). This year we asked for the payment (\$5) to be included with the reservation since we were limited to a specific number of attendees. The conditions at Luther's did not seem as nice as in years past, so we should possibly consider another location. Several locations were mentioned and since they are more expensive, we discussed keeping the member contribution to \$5 and subsidizing the remainder of the cost from the Koinonia budget.
- The Halloween party was enjoyed by those who attended. Again, attendance was down somewhat, and this was attributed to the timing of the party. It was on the same day as the Broadview Hts Halloween party and at the same time as local trick or treating in Bath and possibly others. Everybody liked Outback Ray and he should be considered for future event. We handed out treat bags this year instead of trick or treating through the church.

❖ **Upcoming Events**

- Hanging of the Greens will be held on December 2nd from 3 -5:00. The decoration will take place from 3:00 – 4:30, there will be a service or singing in the sanctuary from 4:30 – 5:00 and dinner will be at 5:00. Karen and Becky Gezze will assist with children's activities that will include an advent wreath and advent / Christmas stories. The food will be sloppy joes, hot dogs and chip. Jennifer will do the shopping. Cookie decoration will also be a children's activity and volunteers are needed to prepare cut out sugar cookies. George and Jennifer will coordinate with the worship committee to confirm the timing and schedule of events.
- Winter Event – Jennifer has been unsuccessful in scheduling Music and Motion, so other show choirs are now being considered. We will contact North Royalton, Independence and possibly others to confirm a date in February.
- Alternate Winter Event- A toboggan / sled riding event may take the place of the Music in Motion event if we are unsuccessful in getting it scheduled.

❖ **New Events:**

- We will consider a trip to the Aeros game in the late spring / early summer. Traditionally, spring and summer events are not well attended, but we would like to try something new.
- A new location for the church picnic is needed. Everyone expressed their thanks to the Webb's for their long time hospitality. Possibilities discussed include, the Brecksville Metroparks, Furnace Run, Kid's Quarters and Blossom for dinner and a concert.

Miscellaneous

The need for a survey to determine what type of events should be considered and how much the congregation might be willing to pay for events. We will create a survey that will be included in the Bulletin. George will create a draft and send it to the committee for review.

The budget for next year was discussed. The budget committee asked for a normal and a growth budget for the next year. Based on previous years and the events planned for this year we will request \$1200 for the normal and \$1500 for growth

The next meeting is scheduled for January 10th at 7:30.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

George Sendrey