

Minutes for Evangelism Committee meeting, January 21, 2008

In attendance: Bob Lundholm, Karen Walburn, Libby Kuntz, Penny Lienert, Karen Thielman, Dee Lancaster, Marilyn Schillo, Catherine Vastartis

Libby opened with prayer

First discussion was on greeters, going well. Discussed possible changes in need for greeters next fall as we go to new service schedule and have remodeling complete. We agreed there is an issue with anyone not familiar with the church entering through the parking lot. Even though the new signs above the doorway leading to Fellowship hall is better people are not always looking up to it. Maybe a larger sign that hangs from the ceiling near the bottom of the stairs directing up to Sanctuary?

Visitation is going well. A coffee is planned at Chippewa Place for this weekend, all indications are it will be well attended with Church members living in Chippewa Place helping host this event.

Karen Walburn attended Ad Board meeting earlier in the month, one notable discussion she reported on was the district's considering a new Church in Broadview Heights.

Discussed what was going on with Transitional Task Force and advised that body will continue through probably year end and not dissolve after March meeting as had been thought, this will be a steering committee for this very important change in the Church through implementation next fall and some time beyond to address any issues that arise. As part of that Evangelism is being asked to take an active part in not only greeters and directing in the Church but also with parking. It was noted that the front sidewalk does not have a curb cut for access and the street is often icy, not the sidewalk so much. Our thoughts on this will be passed along to Trustees.

Pastor Karen has advised there will be no new member class in March, maybe later in Spring. At that time we will assist, our thoughts are that maybe holding the class somewhere besides the parlor as that room and its location relative to the Congregation between services may be a distraction. We will keep track of this and assist as requested.

Our last discussion was on visitor bags. We have most items we will put in the bags, just refining the labels and some items. I know have letter of welcome from Pastor Karen, Penny Lienert is working on the labels for candy bars and water bottles. We will get them together and work out final details on getting them to the visitors. Karen T was recently at a Church that had ushers hand them out to visitors who identified themselves; I have asked Pastor Karen for her thoughts on this as an option.

Libby closed with prayer.

Next meeting Feb 18.