

Minutes for Evangelism Committee meeting, February 18, 2008

In attendance: Bob Lundholm, Pastor Karen Oehl, Dee Lancaster, Marilyn Schillo, Catherine Vastartis

Pastor Karen opened with prayer

Discussed greeters and hospitality team. I will attend Usher and greeter class on Saturday and report at next meeting. Greeter staffing is going well at this time, we continue to look forward to how greeting will change in the fall after the renovation. We look forward to some sort of Welcome Center in the expanded foyer.

Visitor bags have been handed out for several weeks now, starting this week we will change to having them next to Pastor Karen as she greets following the service. This we hope will get bags to people who are reluctant to raise their hands and also help Karen welcome them and thank them for attending. We will see how this goes and review at next meeting. We have 4 bags left that are complete, I will keep an eye on them and try to be sure we always have bags on hand, we have plenty of materials left at this time.

Visitor bread continues to be taken to identified first time visitors.

The coffee at Chippewa Place recently went wonderfully, many positive responses. Thanks to all who helped.

Pastor Karen is looking forward to a new member class in the Spring. The Church will send out a mailing soon to the list of new residents we subscribe to. After Easter preparations will begin in earnest. The thought is still to have a series of meetings/classes like we did last time but do it perhaps in the Chapel or 301 depending on class size. The Parlor did not work well last time. Less food, try to make it informal and inviting, still have chairs from committees present their committees to new members. Perhaps have "sponsors" for each new member/family as well as Evangelism contact for each, this may make the new members more comfortable. We feel joining during service is important for the new members and for the Congregation.

Discussed the possible new Church in Broadview Heights and the importance of BUMC supporting this and discussed some ways we might do that. While the impact of this new Church may be uncertain on BUMC the bigger picture is reaching more people in the name of Christ. This is still in the early stages, nothing certain by any means.

Next meeting: St Patrick's Day, March 17. Please mark your calendars.

Bob closed in prayer.

In Christ,  
Bob Lundholm