

Evangelism Committee Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2008

In attendance: Dee Lancaster, Craig Czarnota, Kendall Lancaster, Catherine Vastartis, Kathy Goebel, Ruby Ludwig, Pastor Karen Oehl, Penny Lienert, Karen Thielman, and Libby Kuntz.

Opening prayer by Pastor Karen.

Reviewed minutes from the July 21, 2008 meeting, accepted as submitted.

Some of the members who were unable to attend the first meeting introduced themselves and mentioned other committees they have served on in the past.

Dee gave an overview of the reports from the Council on Ministry.

The Evangelism budget balance is currently \$261.

There was a discussion as to whether we should send one or two letters to first time visitors. Previously, Pastor Karen would send one and so would the Evangelism Committee. It was decided to just stay with the one letter from Pastor Karen to new visitors.

Libby announced that the Care committee would no longer be under Evangelism. Evangelism will participate with special care people by sending greeting cards for holidays and birthdays. Libby will provide an updated list for the next meeting for assigning the members. Penny volunteered for her students to make birthday cards for our special people

Old Business

Responsibility for greeters has gone to Commission on Worship of which Lynn Hobzek is Chairman. Lynn is currently making phone calls asking for volunteers.

Responsibility for the Visitor bags has gone to Commission on Worship

Delivery of bread to first time visitors began again on Sept 7th – bread will be delivered sometime during the week after the first visit. Due to the renovation and confusion during the renovation, bread delivery was suspended during the summer. It will continue year round now that the construction is complete. Bags, tissue paper and a bookmark are in the church office.

The committee has been asked to provide refreshments for the “usher/greeter” class being given by Rev. Chris Martin on Saturday, July 20 from 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon. Marilyn, Catherine and Dee will coordinate and attend the meeting.

New Business

The committee agreed that the Evangelism Budget for 2009 should remain at \$500.

Pastor Karen informed the committee that there will be Specialized New Member Classes starting very soon. Evangelism committee will assist with the classes as requested.

Pastor Karen provided a list of Unattending Members who have not signed the attendance pads for at least 3 months. The committee reviewed the list and found that some people have been to church, and of the others, an evangelism committee member will make a call to say hello and find out if there are any needs and if the church can assist.

There was discussion regarding an outreach to visitors who are regularly attending. It was suggested that a committee member contact visitors who are regularly attending (at least 3 times) by letter and possibly by phone or a visit. Craig suggested that the contact be someone from the new person/family's community and he has materials to set up a geographic area for assigning people to make those contacts. Craig, Penny and Dee agreed to coordinate the process for this outreach and also revise the Evangelism letter to now be used in this process.

Craig Czarnota agreed to be Vice Chairman in the event that Dee Lancaster would not be able to attend a meeting.

Closing prayer by Dee Lancaster.

Next meeting will be October 6, 2008 at 6:00 pm

Minutes submitted by Karen Thielman