

Evangelism Committee Meeting Minutes

February 2, 2009

6:00 p.m.

In attendance: Craig Czarnota, Ruby Ludwig, Pastor Karen Oehl, Kathy Goebel, Catherine Vastartis, and Karen Thielman

Meeting began at 6:10 p.m. with Craig leading us in devotions.

Reviewed minutes from the January 5, 2009 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

OLD BUSINESS

The Evangelism budget as of this date remains at \$500

The first-time visitor bread signup sheet is covered through April.

Craig briefed the committee on the social that was held at Chippawa Place on January 24, and mentioned that it was a great success. Some of the people brought music (just words) that dated back many years. They would sing a few bars and Joy Fenton would pick up on it and start playing the piano. What fun they all had.

Rev. Oehl thanked the committee for making phone calls to remind our new members that there would be a potluck luncheon after church services to welcome them into the congregation.

Rev. Oehl gave us the names of people who haven't been attending church in a long time. She asked that we make phone calls letting them know that we miss seeing them in church. It was mentioned that some may just be coming for Sunday School and not staying for church, thus their names are not appearing on the register.

Morgan Soja – Craig Czarnota
Tammy Jaite – Karen Thielman
Jim & Pam Johnson – Kathy Goebel
Bob & Kate McTrusty- Craig Czarnota
Chris & Julie Lant – Catherine Vastartis
James and Marla Hocutt

Rev. Oehl also gave us the names of 2 families who have been attending regularly, one being Kevin & Trish Kwiatkowski and Rebecca Okolo.

Craig informed us that he contacted the VA Hospital and spoke with the Chaplain and offered our spiritual support, but he hit a brick wall. They really weren't interested.

Al Williams' daughters are planning a party for his 100th birthday on March 21 at Laurel Lake. Craig was told that all are welcome to come. The church will also be serving cake after the second service on March 22. We will dedicate the postlude to Al and sing him happy birthday.

The two guitarists, Jim and Sylvia Kalal, who played for our train ride, will be putting on a performance on Sunday, March 8th @3:00pm at BUMC. This is the beginning of a regular special music series.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan – What have we done and where do we go?

Rev. Oehl read from the Listening Post things the Evangelism Committee could be working on.

Original Strategic Planning – Vision for the church

What are we, as a Committee, supposed to do?

Faith Sharing workshop –we discussed ways that we could help BUMC members share their faith experience. Kathy Goebel will call the EOCUMC to find out who is available to lead a workshop.

No further business, Rev. Oehl led us in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Next meeting will be on March 2, 2009 at 6:00 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Thielman

