

Council on Ministries

Minutes

August 9, 2011

In Attendance: John Dietrich, Jenny Gee, Kay Mendlik, Alan Scheufler, Joy Fenton, Lynn Hobzek, Pastor Clark, Kathy Goebel, Bev Huber, Karen Schroedel, Lynn Spencer

- Meeting opened with prayer
- Welcome and introduction of new members to COM, email addresses updated and meeting format discussed. It was decided to continue to request submission of committee reports ahead of time. Lynn agreed to try to send emails out at least one week prior to the meeting as a reminder.
- Interpreter magazine is available to committee chairs as either a print copy or email version.
- Prior minutes (June) were reviewed and approved.
- A brief discussion of the church mission statement “To make disciples of Christ for the transformation of the world” was held and members were asked to think about how we as a church go about doing this.
- It was felt that COM should hold another mission fair in 2012. It will be 2 years since the last one which many felt was effective. January 8, 2012 was chosen as the date. Ideas presented included a volunteer passport for children. Lynn Hobzek’s daughter, Laura, is involved with a project called “Caring Cubs” which supports mission service for young children. Lynn will talk with Laura regarding further information and ideas for children. Other idea’s included creating cards for nursing home patients, involvement in the heifer project, read a book and tape it projects, therapy dogs, a used shoe collection box and possibly using the preschool wing for child related project or activity. Jenny expressed concern that an important part of the mission fair is for a family to be involved together. By hosting some activities in the wing, we may be separating groups of people. More planning will be done at the September meeting.

Committee Reports

Youth Board: John reported that the youth and Kristy are planning to attend a Fall Christian Music Festival

Education: VBS was held in July with increased attendance from last year. Approximately 60 children and youth were enrolled. Next year’s date and curriculum has been chosen. To be held July 16-20 with a theme of Hot Air Balloons and Sky. Sunday school begins on September 11th with the third graders receiving their bibles that Sunday. Children’s worship Sunday is scheduled for October 30th.

Music: A choral festival with church choirs is being held at St. Basils. Concert series this fall includes a concert by Chris and Joy in November.

Missions: YSP for 2012 will be in Rushville Indiana the week of July 8th. There are 25 spots reserved which they can increase up until December deadline. In 2013, we will have a local Group Workcamps hosted by Parma/Ridgewood. They are looking for a site to serve as accommodations for the group of 350 plus.

Worship: The new brochure for the chancel screen has been completed. New Easter paraments were completed. The sacristy has been painted and cleaned. A "rite of passage" was held for the 5th graders. An acolyte reception was held and acolyte's names were placed in the bulletin every month. Welcome bags are prepared for first time visitors.

Evangelism: Alpha is being planned for September.

- Our next meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2011.
- October is the Administrative Board meeting.