

Evangelism & Membership Committee
Minutes for Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Committee Members Present (in bold): Sammi Bailey, Carol Carpenter, Jennifer Dowler, Jim Fisher, Elaine Gustafson, Dana Nelson, Kevin Shoffner, and Vicki Winters

Staff Liaisons: Pastor Kathryn Campbell and Becky Deakins

- Opening Prayer: Pastor Kathryn
- Approval of February Minutes
- Just Lunch:
Carol Carpenter has been in touch with church members to ask if they will host Just Lunch. The date for the first quarter luncheon will be on **April 7th**. Carol will check with Susan Klaiber and Suzanne McIntire to see if they can host that date. Carol will also instruct Susan and Suzanne on what we need done: to pick a restaurant, call and invite particular people, announce it to the general congregation during Concerns & Celebrations, and serve as greeters. Participants will be seated at several tables in small groups and do not need to wait to order until all are there.
- Table Friends:
We then discussed notifying the congregation via a Minute for Mission that another iteration of Table Friends would be starting. We will briefly explain the concept and that each group can self-organize, i.e. determine if it wishes to eat out, at a member's home, with children, adult only, how often it meets, etc. The only requirement would be that the group members meet at least 4 times so that folks get to know each other better. Elaine will email Charlie and Kathryn to see when in March this might work. An article has already appeared in Star Press.
- Web and Social Media:
Becky and Kevin spent most of the previous month working on aspects of the website and thus will present ideas to promote the church on social media at April's meeting. The two of them changed our hosting services contract and freshened up some pictures on the website.
- Front Door and Welcome Desk Greeters:
Vicki will schedule the Front Door and Welcome Desk Greeters beginning in May. Elaine shared the Time & Talents list with her. Brenda can also share names of past participants. Kathryn would like to hold a training session for the above volunteers and Ushers to review procedures after church one Sunday in August.

- **New Members:**

There are a few people interested in joining the church and Kathryn is meeting with them individually. Our next installation will be in May (possibly May 12th) if that works with their schedule. Once the date is confirmed, we will need to get Session approval. In addition up to 10 confirmands may be joining the church on June 2nd.

- **Multi-Week Absences Report:**

We reviewed the multi-week absence report and we divided up names among the committee to make phone calls.

- **Old Business:**

Jim Fisher had two people who attended his tax preparation workshop on February 16 at 3 pm. We will continue this program next year, but advertise it in early January so that there is more awareness.

Work is being done on updating the online member directories to reflect the current pictorial one. Cathy Ingram is assisting with this upgrade twice a month.

Becky purchased the slat wall and Plexi-glas holders for the Fellowship Hall Foyer, and they are expected to be installed before Bach's Lunch. The money (approx. \$500) will come out of a Lillian Steele grant previously awarded to E&M. We are holding off on buying any furniture for the foyer until we have lived with the new slat wall for a while.

The People Directory of What Nots is being passed among E&M members for input. Right now Kathryn has it. Information will eventually be imported into ACS for use by the pastors to facilitate membership connections.

- **New Business:**

Becky wondered if it would be useful to have a person come to SPC and train the staff on how to better use ACS. The system is under utilized right now and could be a powerful resource. Becky will find out the costs involved—it may be something that each Committee would contribute some money to.

Elaine went over E&M's budget to date. We then discussed goals for E&M for calendar year 2019. Elaine will share these ideas in a separate document.

Next meeting: Tues, April 2, 2019 at 6 PM