

Pastoral Team Minutes 5/23/16

Present: Lorie Hershey, Carey Davis, Brenda Rich, Mark Michalovic, Amanda Esh Bouwman, Laurie Callan Absent: Nick Lordi

Began meeting with celebration of Brenda's time on pastoral team (4 years) and affirmation of her gifts and contribution. This is Brenda's last elders meeting.

Welcomed Amanda onto pastoral team, along with Carey Davis as sabbatical pastoral, during Lorie's three month sabbatical, which begins June 1st.

Began official "work" time with centering and prayer.

Went over Pastoral Team Job Description and discussed incorporating some of the language from our church vision prayer into the job description. Talked about how this may fit in better under #3e, which now states that elders "support members in being accountable to the moral and ethical vision of the church."

Brenda will still work on a "welcoming packet" for the church's use for new attenders/visitors.

Discussion related to Lorie's sabbatical:

Lorie has been setting agenda for pastoral team meetings and facilitating them. **We will take turns facilitating and that person each meeting will put out an e-mail asking for agenda items.**

Lorie and Carey have been meeting and going over various things needed to be followed up on over the summer and what things need to be organized for the fall.

June 5th Carey preaching and those involved in Walking the Walk will be sharing at church about their experience this past year. Lynn Wetherbee was the adult from WPMF involved and she will work to announce it for the fall and sign any newcomers up. A Community Life meeting will be happening in the church office that day, as well, which Brenda will still lead one last time.

June 26th speaker will be Jill Shellenberg. She will stay after church for a time of sharing. Laurie and Carey to help coordinate what is needed, snacks, childcare, space, announcing this to congregation.

Several preachers are lined up for the summer and a couple are still being worked on, along with a Music Sunday and shared service with Calvary.

Things for the fall we discussed: Possibility of a series on our vision prayer. Discussed ways we could recognize/support the increasing number of people in congregation dealing with aging parents and their issues. Will continue to think about ways to address this in a worship service,

Discussed finding ways to PAUSE.....during this year of preparation for Redemption Housing.

Discussed how elders are assigned ministry groups and that Amanda and Nick may want to change ministry groups. Brenda was assigned to Faith Formation and Community Life. Amanda feels more drawn to Children and Youth. Nick not present tonight, but some felt that he may prefer to switch to Brenda's assignment, when she goes off.

Amanda and Nick to discuss this.

We touched briefly on the Brethren Mennonite Council Rep. job description. **Will finalize this at our next meeting**, looking at possible name change for position and pass this along to HRC.

Ended with Pastoral Care concerns and prayer.

Next Mtg to be decided.

Future Agenda Items:

Follow up on idea of a marriage enrichment workshop or retreat.

Discuss ways to help parents with raising children in faithful ways: parenting resources, workshop, etc.

Approve/Modify Pastoral Team job descriptions over summer, so it can be taken to Church Council in the fall for approval.

Approve or modify BMC rep. job description. (Give to current BMC rep. so they are aware of changes.)

Finalize which ministry groups various elders will lead.