

Notes from Community Life Meeting—12/4/16

Present at Meeting: Rebecca Weber, Snack Coordinator; Tim Martin Johnson, Fellowship Meal coordinator; Sylvia Horst, Greeter; Linda Esh, Church Library Coordinator and Greeter; Jim Kurtz, Usher/Greeter Coordinator, Coffee Maker; Laurie Callan, Elder Representative facilitating meeting. Minutes by Laurie.

Last Meeting was held in June, facilitated by Brenda Rich, before she went off elders. Pastoral Team decided that Community Life could be facilitated by elders rotating that task. Community Life consists of people who coordinate the following ministries: Fellowship Meal, Snack Time, Coffee, Ushers/Greeters, Library.

We began by discussing **Fellowship Meal**, being held as we met. Tim informed us that Nancy Geryk is unable to continue helping him, as she is currently working on Sunday mornings sometimes. He feels he doesn't need a co-facilitator at this time. If he's unable to be present on a fellowship meal Sunday, he has a few people he could ask, who have done it before.

Only issue is that occasionally most people leave before clean-up time and that makes it hard. We discussed asking people to put their chairs away before they leave, so that makes it easier. (Tim did stand up and do so, during our meeting and this seemed to work well.)

Snack Time Coordinating has been broken up to include Rebecca Weber coordinating sign-up, Admin. Assistant Dorianna now ordering supplies, which seems to be working well at this time. Rebecca has sign-up sheet at snack time for people to use and also has an online sign-up on the church website. A few people have used that so far. She has it set up so people get automatic reminders the week before and she has been sending them a text the day before also.

Jim Kurtz is one of the people now **making coffee**, as HRC asked for 5 different people to take weeks to make the coffee. Jim said that there hasn't been any problems. He thinks that this is going well. He did mention that clean-up is to be shared between the person who brings snack each week and the person who made coffee that Sunday, but snack person doesn't always help out. Rebecca said that she does have that listed on snack time duties, but will try to emphasize it more.

Jim coordinates schedules for Greeters/Ushers: No problem with ushers at this time. Welcome Packets were put together this summer by Brenda Rich and Carey Davis, with Dorianna's help. Visitors have not been handing in the visitor card in packet, so we were asked to discuss this by Worship Committee who met recently.

After some discussion, **we decided that the Guest/Visitor's book should be used again** and any visitor asked if they would like to sign book, if not then that's okay. Greeters will continue to give out Welcome Packet, which can still contain the visitor's card since it has some more information included than goes in the guest book and people can decide whether they will fill it out.

Jim will inform greeters of this. Laurie will let Lorie Hershey know, since she asked on behalf of Worship Comm.

Discussed name tags, which had been discussed at a past meeting. We felt that name tags are probably helpful for newcomers, even those who've been around for a year or so, but that often people whose name we don't know, do not stay for fellowship meal or snack time.

We decided to start out by using name tags on Fellowship Meal Sundays. The next will not be until February, since the first Sunday in January is New Year's Day and there will not be a meal. Name tags to be given out by greeters at start of service. **Laurie will let Dorianna know to order some name tags.**