

Pastoral Team Meeting—September 21, 2016

Present: Laurie Callan, Amanda Esh Bouwman, Lorie Hershey, Nick Lordi,
Mark Michalovic,
Amanda-Time Keeper, Laurie-Minutes

Began with Centering and Prayer

Discussed Valuing Our Children workshop held recently during and after Sunday School time, run by Tim Martin-Johnson, HRC, planned with Pastor Lorie and Dorianna Lordi, Admin. Assistant. We felt that the congregation is getting into a rhythm with these meetings, that a good number of people attended and that there was good interaction about different topics.

Discussed priorities for the grant money from Franconia Conference.

We looked over a list put together from ideas from Carey Davis, Pastor Lorie and Redemption Housing Connection Committee (RHCC).

We felt that it would be good to have Ron Muse and Pastor Juan from Christ-Centered church one Sunday morning.

We'd like a group from WPMF to visit New Persons Ministry, led by Jordan Kauffman, in Reading, PA.

Talked about possibility of WPMF hosting a workshop with Healing Communities.

Pastor Lorie will email those in church council about participating in the Crossroads Anti-racism course being held at Germantown Mennonite Church.

All church retreat in April 2017, could be used to explore a planned experience or speaker related to our preparation.

Updates on:

Marriage Enrichment seminar that Amanda worked on, to be held 1/28/17, 9-2pm. Several couples have expressed interest already.

Mentor Program update from Lorie Hershey. Kids being contacted, mentors were contacted this summer.

Carey Davis met with Joe Syzdek, **small group** coordinator, this summer, in her role as sabbatical pastor, and sent a summary of their discussion.

Lorie discussed an idea for having a workshop of four 1.5hr sessions with Roots and Wings, a group that runs a **Mindfulness course for youth**. Decided to pursue getting more details.

Decided to try using a **Word document for tracking prayer concerns**, with elders and see how this works for us to refer to during meetings. Amanda willing to write down prayer and praises shared during church. We will look at this at next meeting and see how this seems to work for us.

Pastoral Team Job Description decided on during the summer, needs to be brought to church council for approval of changes.

Laurie shared that **Tel Hai** has approved us to continue coming, after she shared that we are a Welcoming Congregation now.

Mark met with **the Outreach Group** recently. The current groups involved are the Comegys Outreach group, Redemption Housing and POWER.

Next Meeting: October 26th, 7:30pm

Minutes: Nick

Time Keeper: Mark

