

## **WPMF Pastoral Team Minutes – November 21, 2016**

**Present:** Lorie Hershey, pastor; Laurie Callan, elder; Nick Lordi, elder; Amanda Esh, elder; Mark Michalovic, elder

### **7:32 Centering and Prayer**

### **7:34 Christmas Cards for Residents of Safe Haven**

Nick suggested that church attenders write Christmas cards to individual men living at Safe Haven. Individuals attenders would each pick the name of a resident, and write that person a Christmas card. It was agreed that we could do this during the December fellowship meal. Nick agreed to take care of all arrangements.

### **7:40 Redemption Housing**

1. Fundraising continues, and Nick reported that fourteen people from within the WPMF community have signed up to make recurring monthly donations to Redemption Housing. Nick also stated it his goal to have half of the needed funding by December 31, 2016.
2. Nick also stated that he hopes to locate a suitable property for Redemption Housing by December 2017.
3. Nick is planning monthly open house events for fundraising purposes, and each event is to be hosted by a Redemption Housing board member. One such event will be specifically focused on educating WPMF attenders about Redemption Housing.
4. Laurie suggested regular bulletin announcements reminding attenders to check the Redemption Housing website for the most recent developments.
5. Nick stated he wanted to ask people to sign up for the Redemption Housing newsletter during Sunday services on November 27, 2016.

### **7:55 Dealing with Troubling National Events**

Pastor Lorie plans to send out a congregational e-mail to start discussion on ideas for action and maintaining spiritual grounding in light of troubling recent events in our nation and in the world.

## **8:09 Pastoral Care and Prayer**

## **8:39 Team Functioning**

Nick made the suggestion that Elders might need more avenues for discussing ideas related to church vision. He suggested that many of the more nuts-and-bolts matters of running the church could be carried out by e-mail or other online media, leaving more time during meetings for discussing church vision.

## **9:01 Youth Faith Formation**

1. Some concerns around youth Sunday school and faith-formation were discussed. Pastor Lorie suggested that parents and youth Sunday school teachers meet together to discuss the matter.
2. Amanda suggested that there be a yearly agenda of topics to be covered in youth Sunday school to make sure we stay on track with the proscribed three-year cycle of topics to be covered.

## **9:21 Ideas for Worship Series**

Nick suggested a series for sermons and Sunday school about stories in the Bible. Pastor Lorie agreed to discuss the matter with Worship Committee to get their feedback on the idea.

## **Next Meeting**

The next Elders meeting was tentatively scheduled for Monday December 19, 2016.