

Program Cabinet Meeting
August 18, 2014 Corrected minutes

Attendees:

Dawn Lasater, Cherie Reynolds, Lauri Morris, Mary Frederick, Prill Zobel, Aaron Marchbanks, Sue Schulz, Linda Stinson, Matt Gordon, , and Vivian Rutledge (scribe)

Call to Order: 7:00P Cherie opened with prayer and asked us to “listen” to the language of the church: *Are we a God, Spirit or Jesus church?*

Review of Last Month’s Minutes: The only correction received was under Solar Panels – the April 2115 date should read 2015.

Evaluations:

* *Community Picnic June 21* on Disciples House Lawn for Homeless Community. This was headed up by Aleta and was pretty well attended.

* *Family Camp June 26-29.* Went fine. Suggestions for next year: better weather! Encourage non-campers to come for day or potluck dinner.

* *Picnics in the Park* – going well but attendance varies from week to week. With the new shelter completed, we are sometimes in competition when it is reserved. We take our chances but save \$50 by not reserving it. Last picnic on August 27.

* *All Church picnic at Stinsons on July 6.* This was very well attended with ~50 people and several of our new members also came. Many thanks to the Stinsons.

* *Tour de Corvallis July 20* – This made for some good fellowship and some non-bikers showed up as well for lunch.

Future Planning:

* *Otter Beach August 24, 5:15-7:00P.* We should plan for ~75.

AI -Sue Schulz will organize supplies (table service, cups and napkins, punch makings) and leave in the school bus room.

AI - Linda and Teresa will pick up, provide ice and put out a sign on the fence that this is a FCC event. This is non-churchy, so no one will be turned away. Aron will put the donation can that Lilly decorated in the office as they will probably not be able to attend and Cherie will pick it up.

* *Labor Day in the Park August 31.* We will again have sign-up sheets passed around in worship service. We need to provide 8 dozen cookies; 3 people to set up chairs; 2 people to greet and usher; 3 people to take down chairs; 2 people to distribute communion; 2 people to set up and take down table for punch and coffee; supply punch, cups and napkins and provide six offering plates. . We need to plan for about 300 people. Dawn will buy napkins and cups if needed after taking inventory in the kitchen. Matt has limited participation this year and we don’t “host” again until 2018.

* *Craft Fair September 26-28.* The Bistro has three key members: Linda S, Vicki Y, and Leah G. They are taste testing the recipes. Fewer pie options will be offered, and perhaps a French apple pie (which would eliminate the need for a top crust). Pray for good weather! All booth spots are sold.

Please note: on Friday September 26 the Drop-In Center will be closed so that food preparation can take place.

AI - A note needs to be put on the doors.

We need to encourage new people to volunteer. There will be a big push after Labor Day to get more of them involved.

***New Fall Program** – Matt. The focus will be based on the book The New Parish which focuses on how neighborhood churches are transforming mission, discipleship and community.

AI - Matt is ordering a number of books for individual purchase (~\$11). His sermons will focus on it and the women's Faith Study Group will also be reading it.

September 7 – Kick off. There will be an all-church potluck and program from 11:30-1:00p.

There will be sign-up sheets requesting host locations for “cottage” meetings. Matt will have a list of questions for each location for the host or leader. The host will determine the time and snack (1 to ½ hours). Someone at each location will be asked to take notes.

AI - Cherie will talk to Georgann Taylor who organized cottage meetings a number of years ago to see if she has any insights or advice. She will e-mail her findings.

September 21 Cottage Meeting #1 which will focus on Mission. (Times and locations TBD.)

October 26 Cottage Meeting #2 which will focus on Community. The following people agreed to host this meeting: Marchbanks, Stinsons, Doerksens, Lasaters.

November 23 Cottage Meeting #3 which will focus on Discipleship.

***Community Service Day** – Sunday October 19.

Matt will do a short service and then all able people would head out into the community for some kind of service such as food bank, raking leaves, spreading bark. Matt said the City has all kinds of needs and would provide tools or bark if we have 25 participants. Those who are unable to go out, could write thank you notes or letters to shut-ins or people in the service. We need to provide nursery care for this activity.

Additional

***Sunday School** – Meggie is out of the country but e-mailed her report. They have been enjoying a laid back summer with all the kids in one class together. Emily has been acting as the primary teacher while Miranda and she have been filling in. Highlights include lots of fun time at the parks and lots of arts and crafts. They are generally structure and lesson oriented during the school year, but it is good for the kids to get some play time. They haven't started planning for the fall yet. Vicki and Emily will return as teachers and they are planning on continuing with two classes.

*Disciples House – Full house for fall with a 4/4 mix of new and returning students. Working on some long term projects, most notably Bruce Cotton is working with Bashful Bob's on replacing the windows, starting on the third floor. They are currently waiting to get plans OK'd by the city.

**Stone Soup – Sue*

Sue said that she has received a good turn-out from our congregation on the Tuesdays we are responsible for. The numbers have been down this summer with the heat. She said that some of them were hanging out by the river and consuming more alcohol and were too weary to walk into town for meals. She was concerned about their nutrition and said some of them are losing weight.

**CDCC – Dawn*

Dawn said the new building will probably not happen until 2016. The city is requesting parking spaces. In their current location Habitat for Humanity is removing a wall that covered a door and making some necessary repairs. Doug has been shuttling 7-8 people a week to the Methodist Church for showers.

Dawn needs a sub to replace her for the 5 months she will be gone to cover the meetings which are on the 2nd Wednesday at 2:30.

AI – Dawn will contact Jill to put out a request for a sub in the Dispatch.

**West M – Lauri*

They meet monthly on the 3rd Thursday and need a new board member.

AI – Lauri will contact Jill to put out a request in the Dispatch.

**Global Missions - Lauri*

On September 14, she and Susan Lathan will do a presentation during church.

**Hospitality – Cherie & Vivian*

We had a memorial reception here on the afternoon of August 16. Cherie posted notes on the doors to advise the homeless that this was a private event. Some of them told her they would "guard" the church to keep outsiders away from 1:30-5:00. Vivian expressed frustration at not being able to restock the bathrooms with toilet paper which was depleted after Stone Soup. Vernon, who was filling in for Kevin, saved the day by using two nails to open them.

AI – Matt said he would request an extra key for the TP dispensers be made available by the TP supplies in the furnace room. Perhaps it could be attached to a small board or bracelet large enough to keep track of it.

It was also suggested that we make arrangements with Charlene to arrange an extra cleaning and restocking for these events.

-Name tags – we will need them for the September 7 meeting.

AI – Cherie will request Jill to make them.

**New Sign –* Now in place with bark dust. Plants will be added in fall. Matt would like to have someone volunteer to change the wording for special events. We don't want to get too wordy, but from time to time, a saying would be nice. Mary F said she could help. Vicki is going back to the sign company next week and can have some quick slots made for: (1) Matt

Gordon, Sr. Minister, (2) Worship/Sunday School 10:00A, Adult Class 9:00A, (3) Stone Soup Tuesdays & Sundays 5:30P, Saturdays 10:00A. Perhaps we should get a banner that says "Welcome Students" that could be put up on the railing and used over again.

**New Members/Visitors Reception* at Disciples House

Schedule for fall. Possible ideas: tour of church, list of volunteer activities, list of small groups. Give them a Time and Talent Sheet.

Misc.

-Prill agreed to do the devotional for September's meeting. We will rotate this opportunity among members.

-Lauri said if we are going to do an Advent Book again, we need to start a lot earlier – like the end of October.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30

Next meeting: September 15, 2014 .