

**Present:** Ann Perrin, Lynn Yates, Don Wages, Barbara Bockner

Minutes from May meeting were approved as written.

**Board Report:**

**Leadership Training:** Lynn attended the July Board meeting. She asked about Leadership Training and the Board requested that it be put off until after their retreat which is scheduled for August 25. We may possibly ask someone from the Blacksburg congregation to facilitate.

**Visioning Process:** Lynn reported that Claire English would like SMC to assist in the Board's visioning process. The SMC suggests that the Board do the "visioning" and that SMC can help by providing results of Listening Circles and the church surveys which have been summarized for easy use.

**By-Laws:** The revised bylaws have not yet been approved by the congregation. The committee discussed possible ways to help the Board communicate the rationale for the changes prior to holding a vote. Several methods were suggested to foster communication, such as taking a few minutes at the end of a couple of services to address the topic or having a town meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Committee Goals for 2017-18:** Lynn noted that once the kitchen project is complete, we will get a new permanent board to post committee/group goals on. Most of the committees responded. However, Caring, Nominating and the Board Executive Committees did not submit goals. Don suggested that other groups such as Diversity, OOUT and Family Promise also be included in goal-setting.

**Committee Member Recruitment:** Jerry Trammel agreed to join the committee and will attend the next meeting. Lynn is waiting for a response from Eileen Lepro. The committee came with seven new names to give to the Board if the last position is not filled.

**New Business:**

**Annual Goals for SMC:** Tentative goals for the upcoming year for SMC are:

- Fill the vacancy on the SMC
- Improve communications between the Board and Congregation
- Continue Listening Circles, Town Halls
- Provide new venues. Some examples: fellowship discussions after church, possibly with food "stations" manned by committee members
- Continue to support and celebrate committee/group goal –setting and follow-up

**Plans for upcoming events:** Tentative plan to have a Town Hall in September to discuss the by-laws. The Board will be asked to set the date for this event. The committee also discussed whether or not to schedule Listening Circles at this time or whether we should have them only as needed.

**Other:**

Don has created a spreadsheet that compares the results of the church survey for the past two years. The results will be distributed to committee members to review and will be discussed at the next meeting. Once reviewed and discussed, they will be shared with the Board and then put on the SMC website.

It was suggested that someone provide a demonstration on the pull-down screen prior to the next survey which will help guide users through the first part of the survey. Laptops will also be provided on several Sundays so that those who don't have computers at home can complete the survey.

Dates for other events during the year will be discussed at a future meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Bockner