

## Shared Ministry Committee Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2017

Present: Betsy Biesenbach, Anne Perrin, Rev. Alex Richardson, Don Wages, Lynn Yates

Absent: Barbara Bockner

Visitors: None

1. Chalice Lighting and check – in. Building has passed fire inspection, per Rev. Alex.
2. New members – we still need one more. We have three more we haven't talked to. Rosemary Hawkins will be stricken from the list due to transportation issues. Anne will talk to Esther Johnson. Jerry Trammel will agree if no one else will.
3. Board Report - Town Hall – October 8<sup>th</sup> . Need specifics from the board. Barbara suggests picking out topics from the online survey for discussion with the congregation, leave off RE. Rev Alex would like us to be a process observer. Process for the board needs to be standardized. SMC used to be invited to the board retreat. Lynn will ask if we can be fit in around lunchtime. Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 9-3. Rev. Alex will give us some print info about process observation.
4. Approval of the last minutes. Approved.
5. Discussion with Rev. Alex. Effective assessment needs articulated measurable goals. Thus far, only the staff hands in a list of goals. The board is setting goals for next year. We need people to commit to doing things by a certain deadline. We need to think of how to build a culture of getting things done. This will keep people focused in a proactive way. We are charged with assessment for the whole institution. Our members have felt badly about ourselves, as though we are failing due to past conflict. Dwelling on our successes will wake people up to what's going on. Each committee needs only about three goals. They should be self-generated. . We need to celebrate past accomplishment to give us a feeling that we can get something done. We will encourage children to give by having them do a food offering. We will measure the food they bring in for the food bank.

Next spring, the SMC should have a power point outlining goals that were met along with the survey. Instead of asking who is upset, ask what's going right. New people still say they come and no one talks to them. The board is four months behind with policies and procedures.

6. Town Hall for October 8 – Betsy will do sound and take notes, if she is on the sound schedule. Don will run around with the microphone. Lynne will be the moderator. Speakers will be Alan, a board member – Spike?, and an RE teacher. We need promotion material. We will put something in the newsletter. We will also have someone from the new Social Justice group – Anne will ask Henry? And Carl from financial to give a report.
7. Next meeting Sept. 26. Future meetings – Oct. 24, Nov. 28, no meeting in December, Jan 23, Feb. 27, March 27, April 24, May 22, no meeting in June.
8. Wailing wall will be put in the sanctuary near the kitchen with the results from the June Listening Circle, for people to comment on. We will have it up for the water service. Betsy will send questions and condensed answers to Don. We will stick the chart paper to the wall and stick sticky notes on it. We'll need pens, index cards for private comments, and an envelope for them.
9. We will have a web page but there is no drop down menu yet.
10. Extinguish the chalice.