

Shared Ministry Committee Minutes

March 03/27/18

Present: Betsy Biesenbach, Barbara Bockner, Anne Perrin, Lynn Yates

Absent: Esther Johnson, Rev. Alex Richardson, Don Wages

1. Chalice lighting and check in
2. Approval of minutes from February meeting - approved
3. Minister Conversation - Rev Alex absent. Will fix confusion with Megan about SMC minutes and board minutes.
4. Board report – Jane Haddad discussed kitchen renovation. They have accepted the lowest bid. Crisis plan – have addressed two parts of it- evacuation and shelter in place, but no one has heard about it yet. They have not done an active shooter plan. Will look at other church policies. Megan will look into getting another camera for the parking lot. We need to organize a drill. Perhaps invite a police officer to brief us and check the building. Stewardship campaign is not going well. Parking lot will be repaved don't know when, probably in the middle of the week. Next board meeting April 10th . Lynn will go.
5. Old Business
 - a. Leadership Training – no action tonight. Will need input from the board.
 - b. Publication of Listening Circle Results. Lynn typed up the results, they will be in the April newsletter and are now on our webpage.
 - c. Town Hall meeting March 18. It went well. There was some disgruntlement about not being able to ask follow-up questions.
 - d. We are working toward our own bulletin board. Megan has put a sample on the wall near the backstage door.
6. Committee Goals for 17/18 Status. They have been posted on the wall. We will monitor them and recognize which goals are met.

7. New SMC members – we made suggestions. We would like to have the names to the board by April or May
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of choir risers. The choir is complaining that they can't hear each other and it is too crowded. The risers can't be moved until the sound booth is moved elsewhere. We will ask the board about moving it.
 - b. We need to advertise the town hall more to let people know what the topic is.
 - c. There is concern over promotional events. There wasn't enough notice for the potluck for Blacksburg. It only worked because of the choir and the connections team. There is no group in charge of potlucks and there should be. We need to make some provision in potluck lines for the disabled and parents with small children. Storytelling event was canceled because no one signed up.
9. Webpage
 - a. Can't take a group photo because people are absent. We look individual photos of those who are here. We'll take Don and Esther Next time
 - b. Other content – town hall summary will be added to the webpage.
10. Plans for upcoming events
 - a. Annual Assessment – we were supposed to have it available March 18, but they have a backlog at Hartford. They will have it March 28 or the week after. We will need to advertise it. It will be announced in the bulletin, newsletter and announced before the service. We will put a link to it on our page.
 - b. Listening Circles – Potpourri - Your definition of spirituality. How do we discover our gifts for ministry? How do we deal with crisis situations? Crafting your own elevator speech. Discussion of church program offerings. Potpourri. Dates are April 29th, May 3rd and May 6th. Board will approve topics.
 - c. Annual Meeting June 3. Will present survey results at that time.
11. Topics for future meetings
 - a. Transitioning new members.
12. Social – June 29th Friday. Betsy's screened porch. 6:30.