

GSLC Inreach and Congregational Care Committee Meeting

1. Committee name

Minutes of Monday, February 11, 2019

2. Date

Present: Cathy Beaty, Cathy Peercy, Pat Westimayer, Jessica McCarty, Gary Lewis, Pr. Sheryl Erickson, Stephanie Benson-Gonzales

3. People present

4. Devotional (brief subject could be added)

Jessica opened the meeting with a reading and prayer. The minutes of the December 6, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

5. Secretary Report-minutes

Metrics for December 2018

- * 44 Home Communion
- * 12 Hospital Visits
- * 28 Follow-up Contacts
- * 3 Funerals
- * 5 Grief Group Attendees
- * 17 New Prayer Chain Prayers
- * 15 Active Stephen Ministry Relationships
- ° PrimeTimers: 90 in December; 60 in January

6. Reports on standard items

Jessica asked what follow-up contacts entailed. Pr. Sheryl said she, Lynne or Deb make calls to check on people released from hospital or after a major incidence in their life.

Stephen Ministry Update

8. New projects/topics

Gary said some members of the new trainees have already engaged in active relationships. The entire group of new Stephen Ministers will be commissioned on Sunday, March 3rd at services on both campuses.

Name Tag Sunday Update

7. Could be on-going projects

Cathy P. commented that some people zipped past the Whitney Way table, but she assumed they would get a name tag at the centrum table. There were also some who were more resistant this time. Pr. Sheryl said some people prefer to remain anonymous. Cathy B. said some people also were upset that they didn't know the annual meeting had been moved to February 10th. Pr. Sheryl noted that many of the 8:30 congregants are in the older age brackets and did not get the electronic messages about the change. The next Name Tag Sunday will be May 5th. **Could be new item**

Recognition of Deb Puchner's Retirement

8. New projects

On Sunday, March 10th, cake will be served between services in Peterson Hall. Jessica and Stephanie volunteered to cut and serve the cake. Rick Blum is in charge of purchasing the cake.

Pr. Sheryl gave some background information about the Parish Nurse position, which first was filled by Kay Nelson, wife of interim pastor Jerry Nelson. Deb has filled the position for over 15 years, working approximately 9 hours/week. Looking ahead, the pastoral staff and Board of Directors will re-evaluate the position and the budget

constraints over the next few months. In the meantime some tasks will be handled by other staff or volunteers.

- * Sarah Iverson in her new position will coordinate home communions.
- * Pr. Sheryl will pick up more individual pastoral care.
- * Pat said someone from the Shepherd's Hands group will handle purchasing yarn for projects.
- * Rick Thomas will maintain the medical equipment.
- * Jessica and 2-3 other volunteers could coordinate delivery of altar flowers. Pr. Sheryl and the office staff would designate where the flowers should be delivered on Mondays. Stephanie volunteered to write a text for the newsletter and bulletins asking for volunteers to help with this task. She will submit the text to Eric Holmer and copy Pr. Sheryl.
- * Pat noted that those providing rides for Evelyn Blum can organize a schedule among themselves.

Hospitality Committee Update **8. New projects**

Cathy B. shared information from the latest Hospitality Committee meeting. Much of the discussion focussed on the formation of a Guest Follow-Up System Task Force. Pr. Sheryl noted this is another way our committee overlaps with the Hospitality Committee, and she is grateful to our committee members who also participate in that committee. The next Hospitality Committee meeting is scheduled for February 20th.

New Members' Class/Dinners **8. New projects**

Pr. Sheryl noted that the 2019 budget has three member dinners included. Pr. Joe, Pr. Dara and Donna Maysack are exploring alternatives to dinners, e.g., ice cream sundaes after church.

Pr. Sheryl said the 2/28 class/dinner will be set up in the MSN lobby, and the plan is to start serving dinner and follow up with a prayer of thanksgiving. Jessica will be participating in the program along with Kurt Zastrow. Stephanie and Pat volunteered to help. Donna Maysack may get the food for the meal.

Recruit a Committee Member from the Verona Campus **8. New projects**

Pr. Sheryl said we still need to find someone to join our committee. Jessica will follow up on one individual. Members concurred that it would be nice to get another gentleman to join Gary on the committee.

10. Next meeting information

The next committee meeting date is set for April 4th at 6 pm. Gary volunteered to have devotions. **11. Person assigned for devotion**

Cathy B said she just received two emails from committee/task forces that want to interact with our committee: **9. Announcements**

- * Chris Brinkman of the communications committee asks that some members of our committee attend their next meeting which is Tuesday, February 19th. Cathy B. said she would attend.

- Chris also encouraged our members to sign up for the Feed My Starving Children event. 300 time slots still are open in the Thursday – Saturday schedule. The goal is to fill a shipping crate.
- The Share the Vision Task Force would like to meet with us to update our committee on their deliberations to date. Cathy B. has confirmed that Rachel Breitbach will attend our meeting on April 4th to represent that Task Force, so we do not have to schedule an extra meeting.

The committee closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Submitted by Cathy Peercy, secretary **12. Person submitting report**