

Hospitality Committee

August 24, 2023: 6:30 p.m. (Madison)

Attendees: Pr. Dara, Kay, Laura, Ronda, Courtney

Meeting Notes:

*****All action items will be noted in RED*****

*****All messaging to Board noted in BOLD*****

Meeting start: 6:30 p.m.

1. Welcome & Devotion-Kay
 - a. Hospitality in the Bible
 - i. Genesis 18-hospitality did not wait till someone asked, hospitality was seeking how to meet needs before the need was apparent.
 - ii. Biblical hospitality is a sacred duty to treat strangers and friends alike, welcoming one another into our homes and communal spaces.
 - iii. Are we ready to embrace both friends and strangers as God's oikos?
2. Kindness Week
 - a. 9/9 kicks off with the Good Shepherd Dash run by TWV.
 - b. 9/10 God's Work Our Hands Sunday.
 - i. LWR Quilt Blessing.
 - ii. Projects after worship at both campuses including birthday bags for BPNN/Quilt tying.
 - iii. How do we involve the congregation? Carnations at both campuses for members to take and give to someone as a Radical Act of Kindness.
 - iv. Lift up Kindness Week as part of the children's sermon that Sunday- **Pastor Dara, will confirm.**
 - c. 9/12 Holy COW at BPNN (9:30-11:30)
 - d. 9/13 Kindness Night at Verona campus at 6:00 p.m. under the tent
 - i. We'll serve a chili dinner in fellowship hall or coffee bar area. **Courtney, Kay & Ronda will provide food.**

- ii. 5 stations of activities you can partake in, which will include garden clean up, welcome bag assembly, card making for Adopt-A-School, Radical Rock station. Bring a rock and paint it, “Be Kind” button making station.
 - iii. How do we want to invite people? Decided that we will offer a Breeze sign up and we’ll promote this through enews (Ronda will reach out to Eric). This enews promotion will also ask for volunteers. Orchard Ridge has also offered to provide some volunteers.
- e. 9/16 In-Gathering for Quilts (drop off at Railroad Car).
 - i. Box car loading-we need 8 volunteers and will divide into two shifts.
- f. Kindness Week Challenges
 - i. Tell other groups about Kindness Week and see if they’d like to accept the challenge.
 - ii. Kay will let her Tables of 8 group know as well as the trekkers.
 - iii. Ronda will contact Living Waters and God’s Hands and Feet groups.
 - iv. Pastor Dara will let the gardeners know.
 - v. Check with Liz for Wine & Word
 - vi. Pastor Dara and Courtney will let men’s group know.
 - vii. Ronda will check with Jared about choir & bands.
 - viii. Pastor Dara will work on template (**this is complete, and I will send along today to the folks that are tasked with communicating to other groups. Thank you, PD).
 - ix. Pastor Dara & Laura are making buttons.
 - x. Jenni Vlack is making stickers.
 - xi. Ronda will check with Sarah and Joanne about Amped guides dinner on the evening of the 13th & if we can communicate this to the Tables of 8 groups.
 - xii. Ronda will work with Eric about Courtney lifting this up in an announcement video.
 - xiii. Courtney & Ronda will work on putting together baskets for other area churches including Lighthouse, Orchard Ridge UCC, and Sugar River Methodist.

3. Trunk or Treat

- a. Saturday, 10/28 at Madison Campus, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 - b. Sunday, 10/29 at Verona Campus, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
 - c. **Pastor Dara and Becky Skibo are the point people.**
 - d. The Holy COW is going to hand out cow tails.
 - e. 2 different churches are interested in partnering with us, Redeemer City Church and Westwood Christian Community. Redeemer is also reaching out to VASD elementary schools. Orchard Ridge too.
 - f. NEED TRUNKS!
 - g. We'll hand out postcards for the Thanksgiving Community Meal.
4. Thanksgiving Pie Social-Wednesday, November 22nd-Madison Campus.
- a. **Courtney will set up tables for Thanksgiving Eve. Will ask Jan Frei if she would like to help.**
 - b. **Ronda will create Signup Genius for folks to sign up to bring pies.**
5. Down the road-We need tables cloths that live at the Verona campus.
6. Deni Naumann is our new board rep. YAY!!
7. Terri Barlett & Stephanie Ortland are joining our committee
8. Closed with the Lord's prayer.

Next meeting, September 28th, 6:30 p.m. Verona campus.

Meeting ended- 8:04 p.m.