

Fellowship Team - Minutes

April 29, 2024 @9:30am

PRESENT: Bob Kinsey, Amy Pendergrass, Elizabeth Goodin

Elizabeth began by connecting the purpose of the Fellowship Team to our recently adopted church mission: To make and mature disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. To address how HUMC will work to accomplish this mission, the CEC Committee has been working on developing a Discipleship Pathway. Referring to a document developed through the CEC Committee (Discipleship Grid Worksheet), Elizabeth pointed out that disciples are made and matured in community with others. Encouraging fellowship and the formation of meaningful relationships is the first step in a pathway to discipleship. This committee will meet to plan events and initiatives that encourage the gathering of members and friends of HUMC for the purpose of deepening relationships.

Bob emphasized that rather than attempting to “re-create the past,” we ought to consider plans that are suited to our current time, culture, and membership situation. Also, our approach should lean toward recruiting “champions” who could take the lead on projects in their areas of special interests and passions

The group then brainstormed about possible fellowship events:

- Dinners for 8
- All-Church Summer picnic
- Life stage Groups: Empty Nesters, Caregiver Support
- Dinner-Movie Nights
- Learning Events: Electronics/Technology education; Pharmacological information (Amy has a connection)
- Lunch group featuring a speaker
- Dinner with a message
- Christmas house walk – perhaps combined with a progressive dinner
- Encourage service projects to be conducted by Sunday school classes and other groups
- Bicycling group
- Seekers with Sneakers (champion: Karyn Stusek) – Labor Day through Thanksgiving
- Valentines Day – catered dinner combined with possible “Newlywed Game” activity
- Support of current seasonal family events:
 - Trunk or Treat
 - Gingerbread House Decorating
 - Easter Egg Hunt
 - Bike Rodeo

Follow-Up Assignments:

- Amy will connect with Jackie Beam regarding her previous planning of Dinners for 8, including her Sign-Up Genius template
- Bob will connect with Tom King regarding the formation of a bicycling group
- Elizabeth will follow up with Silvia Gudgel regarding a previously suggested Summer all-church picnic to be held at her condominium complex

Respectfully Submitted by Elizabeth Goodin