

Ministry Committee
Witness Committee Minutes
Sunday, April 19, 2009

The break out session for the Witness Team was led by Jennifer Wynne, Committee Chair. Other team members present were Travis Franklin, Sandy Schneider, Glenn Barton, and Marilyn Griffin.

Minutes from the January 11 mtg were distributed and read and there were no additions.

The first agenda item was old business. Everyone is aware of the new revised bulletin. There are issues with being able to do signage along Main St, but efforts are underway to do this anyway.

Sandy and Travis discussed the Welcome Committee Meetings that had taken place w/several new-member couples and that this had been insightful. The next step is to form a committee that will actually work on making changes, incorporating ideas/suggestions, etc.

Jennifer provided a report on how SUMC fares in the Welcoming Certification Process. We currently have enough points to submit for certification as the points required is 100 and we have 150+ based on currently available services. For this reason, we discussed setting a goal to move to a higher lever of 200+ . We reviewed the services that would be feasible for us to implement so reaching the increased point total is well within our reach during the next few months. Some of the items we will be working on are:

1. Participate in September Open House
2. Update guest material packet
3. welcome center in atrium area
4. Designated Guest Parking
5. Add newcomers/guests to church mailing list
6. Post map of facilities
7. Mystery guest audit
8. Conduct friendliness audit
9. Add "Open Hearts" promise to all church publications

Travis discussed the Thursday Evening Emerging Worship Service. This is an idea that we will be implementing on a once/mo basis to begin with and see how this goes as to whether or not it works. This will be a different type service - largely thematic in nature.

There was concern expressed about the limitations of using the chapel for contemporary services because of the limited access to AV. There was some suggestion that we may be able to expand the YAC plans to make this a more suitable area for holding these services.

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Travis then mentioned the need for a committee to help with worship services so that we can be less predictable in the messages delivered.

The web site has been updated and all outreach activities/publications are being revised to provide a coordinated look/message. Marilyn agreed to provide information to JD to add Women's Ministry to the website.

The Witness Committee breakout session concluded and members rejoined the rest of the Ministry Committees.