

ANNUAL REPORT - MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
May, 2008 to May, 2009

1) What is working well in your committee?

We have a great group of people who were on or have joined this committee, who attend almost every meeting and who participate enthusiastically in our meetings and in our events.

They are: Nora Holt (co-chair), Maysel Brooks, Alma King, Ryan King, Mary Neale, and Dan Rebb. Rev. Drew Johnston offers us his ideas and perspective.

Due to the recent growth in our church membership, we have been busy hosting numerous events and feel that all have been successful, such as the New Members Breakfast in 3/09, the Chili supper and western dance last fall, several Orientations sessions led by Rev. Drew, monthly Pot Lucks after church service and Sundae Sundays during the summer. We also assisted with the recent TG 101 workshop and hosted an outing to a Tigers Game on 5/16/09 and a Detroit River outing last summer. Coming up is a church sponsored S.O. U.L. concert that we were asked to host that will take place on Friday, June 5, 2009 at 7:30 pm at the church.

A major task was finally completed last spring when we were able, with the help of many people, to publish a new Church Directory. We have continued to update this directory as needed.

In addition, we have developed a Membership policy and procedures document and have continued to implement our weekly tasks of welcoming visitors, signing up new members, maintaining pamphlets and materials that explain who we are and making sure that both visitors and new members have name tags.

We welcome ideas and help from others for events and gatherings that enhance the membership experience.

2) What would you like to change?

Generally, we wouldn't change much as we feel we are busy enough, but not too busy to carry out our mandate to provide positive social events to help build relationships and broaden the experiences of our members.

Of course, we could always use more money, people and ideas to carry out our plans for more events, but we are doing fine with the money we have. In fact, we have even made a little money for the Church.

We don't see the need for any tasks to be added as we feel that we have enough to do to do it well.

We have declined taking over the staffing of Coffee Hour as we thought we would not be able to do the job well as Coffee Hour is currently constituted.

3) How are communications working? Could you improve?

We have been able to communicate with each other fairly well and have generally been able to communicate with the congregation well enough. A recent problem with a sudden change for a monthly Pot Luck has taught the importance of communicating with all members, including those who don't have email. So we are preparing a list of those who don't have email and developing a plan to communicate with them regularly about Membership activities.

4) What changes do you suggest?

As noted above, we plan to continue to work on improving communication with all church members.

5) What are your goals for the near future?

Our goals are to continue to encourage communication between and among all church members and to continue to provide social events that provide the opportunity for members and friends to further develop healthy and rewarding relationships and to deepen their relationship with the Church.

We also plan to reach out to those members who haven't been attending services or events to determine if there is something the church can do to help.

Comments on review process?

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Sally Borden