

Sharing Team Minutes
February 11, 2014

Members Present: Mandi Brown, Nancy Coleman, Tammy Wallace, Sandy Sunderland, Carolyn Ketsenburg, Eunice Karr, Marsha Brower, JoVaughn Kelly

Opening Prayer: Mandi Brown Closing Prayer: Sandy Sunderland

Old Business:

1. Travel Mugs: The new travel mugs for first time visitors are in. They have been placed in the storage cabinet in the Fellowship Hall and the Storage Closet by the front foyer. We are very pleased with the quality and the price. The mugs have also been placed with the Chamber of Commerce for newcomers to Macon. We briefly discussed selling the mugs as a fundraiser because we think the congregation might like to have them.
2. Greeters: JoVaughn has signed up greeters for the month of February. Nancy is working on March. Sandy will do April and Marsha will do May. We will pass along the red folder after we have recruited greeters for the month. Team members will give reminder calls or texts to volunteers and will give the names to Deidre by Thursday so that she can print badges.
3. Cross in my Pocket: Team members will carry a few of these in their purse or pocket to pass out to anyone they feel needs one: patients in hospital, people who are grieving, anyone who seems to be having a difficult time. Team members at the meeting were given several packages.
4. New Folks in the Community: Marsha Brower will send a personal note and church information to people new to our community as we receive the information from members of the congregation. There is a notice in the Newsletter asking the congregation to let us know of newcomers.
5. Food Distribution Center: Sandy will call Linda Ellis and ask if we may place some church brochures at the Food Distribution Center or possibly put one on a bulletin board.
6. The Towers: Mandi has placed materials at The Towers in the community room. She will check back occasionally to replenish supplies.
7. Sign: We have been discussing the possibility of getting a sign to direct first time visitors to the correct building and time for the different services. We have turned over the purchasing of the sign to the Board of Trustees. Sandy passed along some information as to what we feel is needed.
8. We are going to continue to work on our idea of canvassing a neighborhood passing out church information and a small gift. We will purchase small tissue packages and place them in a Ziploc bag with church information, a cross in your pocket poem and a note saying "God Bless You!" Sandy is going to work on putting these together. We decided to do 50 for the first time. We are going to ask Deidre to make badges like the ones we use for greeters for our team members to wear when we go door to door.
9. Homecoming Float: Tammy is going to begin gathering ideas for a church float for next Fall's Homecoming Parade.

New Business:

1. Pastor Julius had asked if our team would be willing to read the book "Why Nobody Wants to Go to Church Anymore" and discuss it for a few minutes at each meeting. The team has agreed to do that. We hope to get some fresh ideas as to how to reach out to our community.