

Sharing Team Minutes
January 8, 2014

Members Present: Mandi Brown, Linda Smith, Nancy Coleman, Tammy Wallace, Sandy Sunderland

Old Business:

1. Travel Mugs: We are going to order 150 red metallic, 16 oz. insulated travel mugs with a black imprint of the church information on it to gift to first time visitors. These will cost \$2.19 each, plus shipping and a \$55 set up fee. These mugs were made in the USA. Visitors will be given a choice of ceramic or travel mugs.
2. Greeters: We discussed recruiting greeters. We are going to have a folder with the whole year of sign up sheets in it. That way, when it is your month to sign up greeters you can see who has already helped and you can ask volunteers if they would be willing to take the same Sunday for several months. For example, the second Sunday etc. Also, we want to include the youth. If the team member recruiting thinks the person is old enough to handle the job alone (after being given directions) you can do that. If you want to include someone younger, you can ask their parents if they would be willing to help their child with greeting. Team members were also reminded to check the list of instructions in their red folder so that they don't forget to give a reminder phone call to volunteers and to call Deidre by noon Thursday with names so she can print the badges.
3. Supplies: After church on Sunday team members will move some of the supplies to the Fellowship Hall. Also, any team members present at church Sunday can take some of the "cross in my pocket" bags to pass out to anyone they wish. Suggestions include people you might visit in the hospital, people who seem upset, someone you know is going through a difficult time, etc.
4. New Folks in the Community: Sandy sent a paragraph to Deidre for the Feb. Newsletter asking members of the congregation to notify one of the Sharing Team or the church office when someone new moves into their neighborhood so that we can contact them.
5. "Please Stand": The team decided that it is not necessary to put this in the bulletin. We think folks will just follow along with the congregation or sometimes one of the Uplifters will ask the congregation to stand.
6. The Towers: We had planned to do something for residents of The Towers in December, but due to illness, the December meeting was cancelled and we didn't get that done. Linda had contacted the manager and she said we could do anything at anytime. Mandi is going to take some of our Bibles, DVD's, etc. and place them in the community room at The Towers for the residents.

New Business:

We began looking at the list of ideas generated at the Charge Conference dinner. Here are some of the things we are going to work on:

1. Sandy is going to contact Pastor Julius about putting Sunday School times in the bulletin. Also, possibly posting flyers with the teacher's name, picture and area of study for the adult classes outside the classroom door. This might help new people find classes easier.
2. Nancy is going to ask Ben to check with Linda Ellis about putting some flyers at the Food Distribution Center for folks to take. Ben helps there every month.
3. We are looking into canvassing a neighborhood and passing out something with the church information on it. Linda Smith is going to check into the cost of small tissue packs with the church information printed on them. We would put these with some cough drops in a baggie and distribute door to door with the message "God Bless You".
4. We talked briefly about having a MUMC float in the Homecoming Parade next Fall. We have lots of time to work on a theme. We thought we could ask the youth for help decorating and riding on the float as they will be out of school for the parade.
5. Sandy is going to ask Todd Davison where he purchased the metal frame that holds the sign used in front of the theatre. We are discussing something similar to use outside to direct people to the appropriate building for the two services.