

September 9, 2021

Visioning Committee Meeting

I. Birthday Club

Patty has continued to inscribe, address and send the birthday cards out to those on the list. However, the Committee does not want to take for granted that this will continue; the original plan was to have Committee members share the task. Rich will contact Patty to find out if the job is becoming burdensome. He will also mention that Patty can call on substitutes from the Committee in the event she is unable to send the birthday greetings.

Committee members also discussed how to prevent birthday wishes from falling through the cracks. We do not want to forget anyone. At present, Jeanne maintains the database of birthdays (along other data) and sends a list of upcoming birthdays to card writers (currently just Patty). Rich will check with Jeanne to see if card writers can simply access the database directly, thus streamlining the process by eliminating a step.

When the Birthday Club was initiated, request for birthdates of church members and guests were made at church services and in the Parish News. Pastor Craig was asked to do that again.

II. Fall Study

The fall study has been replaced by a winter study set to begin on Sunday, January 2, 2022. The movie "I'll Push You" was chosen for the study. It is available with workbooks produced for 6 sessions. Committee members will be contacting people who might be willing to lead the study. As we approach the starting date, we will determine the number of people who wish to attend, purchase the video and study books, and determine necessary precautions to take due to the pandemic.

III. Church Self Analysis (SWOT)

Pastor Craig explained that the analysis need not be a formal, prescribed examination. It can be as simple as asking various church groups to discuss at one of their meetings what they believe to be strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats to our church. Input from the various groups would then be merged, providing information for us to use as seen fit. Since the pandemic currently has things in turmoil, the Committee felt it would be better to wait to conduct the analysis when the future is somewhat more predictable.

IV. Welcome packets

This item will wait until a later date, when the other initiatives are completed.

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 14, at 7:05 p.m. in person at the church.