

January 13, 2022

Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes

I. Winter Movie/Study

The DVD with the movie *I'll Push You* is now in our possession. With the concurrence of Keith and Sheri, we have tentatively decided to show the movie on Sunday, March 27 and on Sunday, April 3, at 1:00 p.m., each showing followed by a discussion on the following day at 7:00 p.m. The dates are considered tentative due to two unknowns: procurement of a new TV and the state of the pandemic. In preparation for the discussion sessions, the Rue's will develop a series of questions. Whether the questions will be distributed before the discussions or passed out during the discussions has not yet been decided. Another issue that still needs to be decided is whether or not to open attendance up to people outside our congregation. That decision will be made when we get a sense of what the attendance from our own church will be.

II. Welcome packets

Many months ago, Pam Turnbull gave Rich a welcome pack that she and Mike brought back from the UMC in Estherville, Iowa, with the idea that we might consider doing something similar. The consensus was not to, for the following reasons: First, we already provide pertinent information to newcomers in the pew pads. And second, a personal greeting from church members is far superior in making people feel welcomed. We are all encouraged to carry on the example that Tootsie Loe personified.

III. Spirit-raising Activities

The pandemic has drastically disrupted in-person social interaction. We discussed holding energizing, community-building activities in which a number of people could participate. Three modes of participation were considered: remote only, in-person only, and hybrid. We decided on remote only initially, then considering a hybrid mode once we work out the bugs with the remote mode. A hybrid mode is facilitated by our experience with using the video camera to broadcast services on Facebook Live. Pastor Craig pointed out that Zoom has the capability for break-out sessions. That opens the door to having smaller groups, which may invite more participation. There are a great many team-building activities described on the internet. Rich will find one to start with and will write up a notice to include in the Parish News. The time and date for the first event is Monday, February 7, at 6:30 p.m.

During this discussion we were reminded that an activity still available to us is Bible study on Sunday mornings. It was also suggested that the after-church coffee social time could be restarted. That would be an Administrative Council decision.

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 10, at 5:00 p.m.