

Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes

Members present: Pastor Craig, Jay Tomlinson, Gail Haney, Keith Rue, Rich Floyd

Pastor Craig opened the meeting with an opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

I. *Cards for People on Prayer List*

So far this year, the relationship initiative has sent 14 cards to folks or families on the *Prayer Wall*. A total of 104 stamps have been purchased along with 84 various cards. The total spent so far is approximately \$93 of the \$300 budget. Our current supplies should get us through most of the summer months, if not all. The number of cards sent is just above the monthly calculated average from last year.

II. *Small Group Dinner Gatherings*

From the small group dinner gatherings notice included in the *Parish News* last week, Rich had received three confirmations to host and no confirmations to be guests. It's early days and the notice should run again in the *Parish News* and announcements should be made during church services to help encourage responses.

One suggestion was to encourage those interested in hosting to invite others in the congregation, outside their close circle of friends, to be their guests. Group size was suggested to be 4 to 6, including the host(s).

III. *Potential Small Group Study Sessions using the 'Journey with the Messiah' images*

Further discussion regarding the small group study/learning sessions using the *Journey with the Messiah* images focused on what additional tools might be available to the facilitator(s) and when this study might best be scheduled.

Tools include the *DVD*, the *Fine Art Coffee Table Book*, and the on-line *Guide Book*. All members of the Visioning Committee were encouraged to go on-line to review the Guide Book, download it if possible, or even order it. The website can be found at: journeyswiththemessiah.com (While the website indicates that the Guide Book is free on their website, I was not able to find a free copy anywhere. I was able to find only one sample chapter. However, the entire video is free to view on-line from their website.)

A suggested side topic of discussion was to delve into the author's story, Michael Belk. What led him to undertake such a project? Are there others who have similar stories such as Maya April Moore, who left her WNBA career to focus on her family ministry and social justice? How do stories of people like Michael Belk and Maya Moore relate to us?

A time frame for the study was discussed and it was agreed that sometime in September or October would be the best time to start this study. That time frame provides the facilitator(s) more time to prepare and for the other *Journey Into Easter* study to conclude. Summer activities will also be concluded. There are 34 photos for study. Facilitator(s) need to determine how many photos can be realistically studied per session, which photos to organize into each session, what questions/materials/equipment need to be available for each session.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion focused on reintroducing regularly scheduled Pot-Lucks at the church. Monthly and miscellaneous scheduled Pot-Luck dates was rejected in favor of tying two annually scheduled Church Pot-Lucks to the traditional Easter and Thanksgiving time frames. Dates were decided for each: Palm Sunday Pot-Luck and the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving for the Thanksgiving Pot-Luck.

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.