

July 13, 2023

## **Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Pastor Craig, Rich Floyd, Jay Tomlinson, Linda Hane. Patty Rusco, Gail Haney

Pastor Craig opened the meeting with an opening prayer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **I. *Study Group – Journey with the Messiah***

Discussion began with a review of the progress which included discussing the merits of the Guide Book, the online video presentations for each photo, the hard bound volume and the DVD disk presentations. The value of the Guide Book not only would assist in initiating discussions, but would also serve as a daily devotional. Patty Rusco will contact the company to see if there is a reduced price for a volume purchase of the Guide Book in the event we decide to purchase enough for all participants in the study group. The following outline includes what we decided and what needs to be decided:

- a) We decided that there would be three Study Groups to accommodate all 34 photos. Each Study Group would include 1 session a week for 6 consecutive weeks. The first Study Group would be held in Oct/Nov of 2023, the 2nd in the spring of 2024, and the 3rd in the fall of 2024 (The last Study Group would run for only 5 weeks as there would be only 10 photos remaining.). Specific dates TBD.
- b) Each session would cover 2 photos and run approximately 1-1.5 hours, depending on the discussion.
- c) Each photo would start with the video presentation from the on-line source and would be followed by the discussion questions/thoughts from the Guide Book for that photo.
- d) We thought it would be good to invite others from the congregation to become leaders of the Study Group. Pastor Craig will invite others to be leaders through announcements on Sunday morning and in the *Parish News*. Committee members can also make personal invites to others to become leaders.
- e) Patty and Jay agreed to work through the photos and organize them into the 3 Study Groups (12 for each of the first 2 Study Groups and 10 for the last Study Group.) and which 2 for each session.
- f) Specific start and end weeks and specific days for the sessions have yet to be decided.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Providing a weekly dinner during the school year.**

Jay suggested we might restart the men's group and have them host a weekly dinner during the school year for anyone in the congregation and community who wishes to attend. Jay has discussed this with Pastor Craig at the Annual Conference and touched base with Don Ingerson regarding use of funds from the benevolence account to help with the cost. There would also be a donation box for anyone who wished to donate at the dinners. Dinners would not be provided on pasties weeks or weeks of holidays like Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Years' break. Further discussions, mission, planning, logistics, costs, volunteers, men's group restart, etc. must occur before this initiative could occur.

***Next Meeting Date & Time*** – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.