

Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes

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

Pastor Craig opened the meeting with an opening prayer.

OLD BUSINESS

Study Group – *Journey with the Messiah*

Patty and Jay met on July 19 to make some tentative decisions on the structure of each session and schedule when each of 17 sessions would occur. Except for the last session, each will each cover two of the topics (pictures to be discussed) on the *Journey with the Messiah* video. There are 33 pictures. The 17 sessions were divided into 3 groupings, each grouping presented at a different time of the year. Sessions within each group are scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on successive Tuesdays, except for one falling on pasty day and another falling on Halloween. Those will be presented on the following day, a Wednesday. The first session will be September 26. In each session a photo will be shown for the group to form initial impressions. Next, the accompanying video for that photo will be shown. Discussion will follow that, and the process will be repeated for the second photo of the session.

Gail and Linda offered to provide snacks for the sessions. Jay will prepare a paragraph to be included in the Parish News and an announcement to be made during Church services. We will need volunteers to help lead the sessions. Patty checked on purchasing the guide books that go along with the study. We will need funds approved. At \$12.95 for 40 books, the cost comes to \$518.

NEW BUSINESS

Weekly Dinner During the School Year

We discussed Jay's suggestion during July's meeting to restart the men's group to host a weekly dinner during the school year for anyone in the congregation and community who wishes to attend. Rich suggested we first establish objectives of the venture to provide a basis for further development of the initiative. Several ideas were offered:

1. To give parents a break from their constant responsibility of raising children.
2. To provide companionship for those in attendance.
3. To provide a touchpoint for new families
4. To be a catalyst for rekindling the men's group.

Discussion of this topic will continue at our next meeting.

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 12, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.