

Visioning Committee Initiatives Meeting

I. *New initiative – Birthday Club*

A. A number of decisions were made concerning the discussion points outlined by Rich.

1. It was decided that the media of conveying the Birthday (BD) greetings would be BD greeting cards and continued verbal recognition during the worship service.
2. It was decided that during the collection of BDs we would also collect anniversary dates in the event we would decide to recognize them in some way in the future.
3. Discussion about how and where the data collected should be stored and the security of the data led to the following: a) the data could be stored in a new BD file (excel spread sheet or data base); b) the data could be stored in our existing excel spread sheet used for our newsletter and directory; c) a new data base could be made to store all church members/friends information; d) the file or files would need to be password protected.

It was decided there should be only one file for all church members/friends information to prevent information in two files becoming different. We decided to first see if we can adapt our existing excel spread sheet to include BD and anniversary data collected before we consider setting up a new data base file. Jay will ask Jeanne if she would be willing to help revise the file and enter the data.

4. The following ways of collecting the BD & anniversary information were decided upon: a) Pastor Craig, or a visioning committee member, would make an announcement prior to the beginning of our worship service about the BD Club initiative and how members/friends can submit BD and anniversary information; b) requests for BD & anniversary information would be included in the *Parish News*, *The Fish*, and Sunday morning bulletins; c) folks are to submit their BD & anniversary information using the *Parish News* email address. d) the announcements are to be couched in an inviting way...”We would like to recognize your BD (or anniversary), etc.”
5. The committee felt that it was not necessary to prepare “canned messages” for including in the BD cards. It was suggested that BD labels be generated for all folks with BDs between each committee meeting. BD cards for that time period would be prepared for mailing at the conclusion of each committee meeting and personal messages may be added by any committee member. Lucy volunteered to purchase all the BD cards for the first year if the Ad Council did not approve funds for this initiative.

B. The Calendar of Visioning Committee Events was not discussed.

Next Meeting Date & Time – The next meeting, likely via Zoom, is scheduled for Thursday, April 8th, at 4:00 p.m. If meeting in person, 7:05 p.m. at the church. Rich will confirm via email.

Calendar of Visioning Committee Events

April	•	October	• Bring a Kid to Church Month
May	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)	November	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)
June	•	December	•
July	•	January	•
August	•	February	• Pot Luck (Date to be set)

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