

Ministries Council
December 4, 2013

Present: Lela Russell, Ellen Daniels-Howell, Anne Moman, Danyelle Ditmer, Dan Mathis, Peter Howe, Lydia Shaw, Eric Galloway, Tim Rankin, Jeanie Sanders, Kelley Warbinton, Ange Cahoon, Darren Cushman Wood

Advent Festival

- Danyelle – Gathering activities (5:30-6:00): make ornament, decorate cookies, blessing bags to give to those needing help on the street
- Eric – Meal (6:00): ordered chicken, Sojourners decorate table Friday night, puzzles/word search on the tables
- Darren – Worship: Peace pole, sanctuary, east entrance, chapel, courtyard (West entry, if bad weather) with Christmas carols & blessing;
- Lydia – Courtyard: focus around bell, two people with flashlights to stand by the stairs (Anne & Sarah?)
- Clean up – Peter & Nancy, Beth & Eric, Karen Kay & Jack help Beth, Neal

Official Recording of the JAT vote

- Unanimous vote in favor of the proposal via email

What we learned from the HJR-6 proposal

- Presented to MC in writing with discussion in one meeting, next meeting come back with the vote after talking with ministry groups
- Send out the information a week prior to MC, if possible
- Under most circumstances, two meetings are required unless there is an urgency or simplicity in the topic and feel compelled to act.
- Summary – Review information ahead of meeting; first meeting with discussion (proposers attend meeting); second meeting with vote
- Appreciation to the MC for the effort in working toward getting full response to the proposal
- When you take on the responsibility to proclaim a message from the church, it is your responsibility to watch and make sure information is posted correctly.
- Important to share this information about the process with the entire congregation, in many ways/forms
- Concern about Phone Bank being announced as a church event vs. Sunday school class – should we have announced the phone bank prior to the vote taking place? Announced that Affirming Group is hosting ... Justice and Advocacy Team is hosting...
- Should phone banks hosted at North require vote from MC?
- Process shared with Laura Halt.

The Glorious Event about Events

- Helping groups/individuals learn how to run an event at North
- CCL offering a leadership orientation, for MC/team leaders/Board – **January 18, 10-12 noon**
- How to schedule room, advertising, invoice, etc. Very similar to GEAE document Eric created
 - Vision casting – Lent, long-range plan

- Darren recommends folding this document into the orientation
- Eric will send document to Mark
- Have all this in a packet to give to leaders
- Scheduling alias – scheduling@northchurchindy.com, childcare@northchurchindy.com

Membership-building Programming

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The Darren Report

- Stewardship – 42 new pledges, 120 increase pledges, 20 decrease pledges
 - \$3779/average pledge amount – 4.01% increase
 - All leadership has pledged
 - Lost some major donors
 - Sent out reminders to previous pledgers who haven't pledged yet
- Program, Mission & Endowment Committee
 - Sue Hirschman, Orson Mason, Kathy Gifford
 - \$20,000 from PME to help with the budget

Items and Announcements

- Program Ministries Calendar – Google calendar to plan events
 - www.northchurchindy.com/calendar2
- Spring book – get info in to Laura Halt

Closing Prayer