

Ministries Council
October 2, 2013

Present: Danyelle Ditmer, Darren Cushman Wood, Peter Howe, Eric Galloway, Jeanie Sanders, Sarah Dutkevitch, Lydia Shaw, Pat Thorlton, Kelly Warbinton, Dan Mathis, Tim Rankin, Ange Cahoon

Regrets: Anne Moman, Ellen Daniels-Howell, Rita Goldenberg

Eric read from Phil Gulley's book The Evolution of Faith: "Little is much when God's in it." Say "yes" to the divine presence within us.

- Celebration of Ministries event
 - Maybe scale it down- separate events for each ministry area?
 - Varying results on sign-ups- Impact minimal for Youth Council, but Justice & Advocacy signed up the whole team.
 - No time set aside in service for people to fill out connect card
 - Need more of an explicit call to do stuff- Expectation was not clear.
 - Hallways too crowded
 - Need a longer process to promote purpose of the event- this was "touch one of seven"
 - Do it like Stewardship Sunday- link stewardship and service- send pledge card in mail ahead of time.
 - Have Education Sunday later, then "Service September", month lead up to Celebration Sunday.
- Fall Round-up- October 20
 - Anne is point person
 - New Name: All Church Chili Cook-off & Carnival
 - New Time: 5:30 PM
 - Communicate details so people know what it is.
 - Need set-up, decorations, and clean-up crews
 - Pitch-in desserts or healthy sides
 - Need extra pumpkins- IHN starts that day
 - Make sure we have 3-4 large pots of chili coming
 - Prizes for best overall chili, spiciest, most unusual, etc. (make sure they are labeled)
- Advent Festival- December 8- 5:30-7
 - Youth Ringers playing- confirm with Kelly about time of performance
 - Pitch in desserts or healthy sides
 - Church provides meat and drinks
 - 18' tree in courtyard- Nick Slater's family owns tree farm- possible source
 - Just white lights on tree- who strings?
 - Caroling led by Advent Choir (does Mark know about this?)
 - Scripture selections read
 - (Basically Hanging of the Greens Service)
 - Darren coordinating worship
 - Danyelle coordinating as staff
 - Beth and Eric Galloway as point people
 - Church being decorated for holidays on the 24th of November
- Stewardship- "Why Give?"
 - Darren distributed cards- Why Give? - To be filled out by MC, returned to Eric by Oct. 18.

- Raise the question with all your sub-groups
- Goal is 15% increase in \$\$ and in number of pledges. Darren suggested \$500 increase per pledging unit (\$10/week, if you think about it).
- Pledges turned in by Oct. 18. 100% participation by MC & BOD expected.
- Revenue decline, and steady decline in membership, contributing to \$250K deficit.
- MC- General Items
 - IHN needs people!
 - Advent, Lent, Spirit & Place leaders selected at Charge Conference?
 - **Question for November Meeting: What are we doing programmatically to attract new members?**
- Next Meeting: November 6