

First United Methodist Church

Nurture Committee

September 4, 2018

Present: Calista Eyman, Blanche Dugan, Deb Durbin, Dennette Guyer, Barb McCart, Gene Schwarm, Terry Westerfield, Gwen Johnston, Sharon Hagy, Joyce Staff, and Sharon Lee.

Absent: Diane Adams, Sandy Leidner, Robin Kistler, Jan Johnston, Rick Eyman, Al Schumacher, Brian Kern, Beth Kern, Linda Dugan, and Mike Hagy.

Chairperson Calista Eyman called the meeting to order at 7:00p, and Pastor Terry Westerfield prayed.

With no additions or corrections, the minutes from the August meeting were approved.

Committee Reports

Sunday School: Barb McCart reported that all teaching positions are filled and material is on hand. They will be ready to begin on September 9.

Altar Care/Flowers: Gwen Johnston stated that the Thanksgiving decorations will be on the altar for two Sundays as in the past. The Chrisom Tree needs to be up by December 2, the First Sunday in Advent. Poinsettias will be present in the chancel by December 9.

Music Director/Chancel Choir: Blanche Dugan said her first choir rehearsal went well. The Chancel Choir's first Sunday to sing during worship will be September 9.

Hospitality: Sharon Hagy and Deb Durbin report that they are planning for 150 people to be at the picnic on September 16. The committee is preparing pulled-pork sandwiches and hot dogs for the children. Everyone is encouraged to bring a dish to share and a lawn chair.

Lay Leader: Gene Schwarm has been cogitating about what to do for Laity Sunday on October 14.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Dennette Guyer said they gave away six prayer shawls in August. The ministry's next meeting is Thursday, September 13, at 5:15p in the Library.

Prayer Coordinator: Sharon Lee asked that we lift Janie Nichols up in prayer since she has been diagnosed with a cancerous mass in her throat.

Unfinished Business

Calista said there are four male shut-ins who still need a friend-in-faith.

New Business

Discussion was held about creating a new church pictorial directory. One option is to have Megan Diekemper take family pictures in her studio. While package prices are comparable, she would charge about \$10 for a directory. Families would have greater flexibility in scheduling their photo session. Another option is to contract with Life Touch or Olin Mills. Their directories are free, but all pictures have to be scheduled within few days. It was decided to wait until after a change of pastors in July 2020 to publish the next directory.

Members of the committee with budget requests were reminded to have them into the church office by September 18. Those listed with specific budget responsibilities are Blanche Dugan (music), Joyce Staff (camping), Barb McCart (children's ministries), Sharon Hagy & Deb Durbin (hospitality),

Dennette Guyer (prayer shawls), Rick Eyman (tech desk), and Brian & Beth Kern (youth ministries).

Items for College Care Packages will be solicited during October with the packages mailed out at the end of the month.

Pastor's Report

Terry Westerfield would like to have a recognition of the Sunday School during worship on September 16. Each class is to provide a summary of their sessions for inclusion in a flier and on the website. Teachers will also be recognized.

Terry would like for someone to take responsibility over the preparation of a "Veterans Recognition" video to be shared during worship on November 11. Gene Schwarm said he would consider helping organize this project.

A survey of the congregation's preference for the starting time of the Christmas Eve service will be taken some time in October.

Terry also shared the Church Council is considering having all programming committees, the Council, and possibly a couple other administrative committees all meet at the same time during Sunday School and immediately following one Sunday a month. This is to encourage younger members to take part and ease the number of evening meetings required.

With no further business, Calista adjourned the meeting at 7:45p.

The next meeting will be on October 2, 2018, at 7:00p in the Library.