

First United Methodist Church
Witness Committee Minutes
Sunday January 13, 2019
Inquirer's Classroom

In attendance: Sue Miller, Sharon LaDage, Terry Westerfield

Absent were: Becky Bost, Jamie Michel, John Blythe, and Diana Tippet.

Minutes: Sharon

Opening Prayer: Sue

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1. We need to discuss assignments at the next meeting when everyone can attend. Sue is the Chair, Sharon is the secretary, and Terry will pray our opening prayer.
2. Old Business included a discussion of the Christmas cookies and while we had enough to fill the trays, Terry suggested introducing the idea of "Christmas cookies to the teachers" a month in advance, passing around a signup sheet for people to state how many cookies they will be providing, and following up with a reminder on the phone tree the week preceding the making of the trays.
3. New Business included a discussion of the following three projects:
 - A. May flowers were discussed. We'll need your ideas when we have a full committee.
 - B. A repeat performance of "Fourgiven" was discussed, so please come next time with your thoughts on a repeat.
 - C. Sue had searched the Internet for ideas and she came across "Hot Chocolate Outreach." We discussed it between the two of us and thought about two ideas. At the Halloween Parade, because it's so highly attended, we could hand out coupons with our name attached to people who could turn it in at McDonalds for a hot chocolate or a soda. The details would have to be worked out with McDonalds, but it is an outreach. The second idea involves the Christmas Parade which is small, and we could actually hand out cups of hot chocolate with The First United Methodist Church name attached somewhere to people who were attending and cold.
 - D. Finally, Sue had found a beautiful, meaningful Christmas excerpt about the birth, life and influence of Jesus. It brought to mind our Welcome Sacks and whether or not we could find thoughtful works centered around various holidays. These could be placed in the sacks including a pen with our name on it. The bags would be simplified and offer thought provoking material for the visitor to ponder. Sometimes less is more.
4. The next meeting will be held on February 10, the second Sunday of the month at 10:45a. Please bring your ideas and be ready to comment.