

## Commission Chairs Team

January 19, 2021

1. Opening prayer – Brian Bither
2. Discipling Commission – Martha Yoder Maust
  - a. Brian is working with several people ready for baptism. Several more may be ready later. They are working on the logistics of how to proceed.
  - b. The Children’s Sunday school experiment was 2 Sundays.
    - i. There was low participation.
    - ii. Next steps are being evaluated.
  - c. The next adult Sunday school class after March is being planned.
3. Outreach Commission – Brad Yoder
  - a. Will be meeting next week.
  - b. Environmental items:
    - i. The number 2 person in the new EPA is from Indianapolis.
    - ii. Some persons in the East Side Creation Care group know her.
  - c. Shalom is hosting the bimonthly meeting of East Side Creation Care in March.
  - d. After the last East Side Creation Care meeting, Mike Wigginton did research on electric vehicles and sent the information to the group members.
  - e. Some were questioning the viability of East Side Creation Care.
    - i. Some people see it as diminishing in importance to some members.
    - ii. Most people think it is just evolving.
  - f. Social Justice
    - i. Sabrina Falls attended a virtual webinar about law enforcement and safety.
    - ii. Will discuss this at the next meeting.
  - g. Family Promise – Martha asked about the information Solomon gave on Sunday.
    - i. They may need more funds depending on which direction they choose to take about housing people.
    - ii. There is a great need for housing at this time.
    - iii. Brad will put more information in the weekly newsletter when it becomes available.
    - iv. Shalom provided furniture for one apartment and participated in their fundraiser.
    - v. Brian is impressed with their new leadership.
  - h. Changes are coming to the immigration laws when Biden becomes president.
4. Worship Commission – Grace Rhine
  - a. Reviewed the last several special meetings held during the Christmas season and the service with East Goshen.
  - b. The new hymnals are coming soon. Linda is coordinating distribution. More information will be given through the newsletter.
  - c. Will work at training people to take Jim’s duties on Sunday morning while he is gone for several months.
  - d. Sermon plans have been made through February.

- e. Are discussing Ash Wednesday service and will make a decision a bit later.
  - f. Looking for persons to do prelude.
  - g. It was requested that the new hymnals not be placed in the pews until it is safe to use them.
  - h. Some families have purchased hymnals and distribution will be announced in the newsletter.
  - i. Will discuss how to accommodate other families who didn't purchase a hymnal but might wish to "borrow" one during the time when we are not meeting in person. Information will be placed in the newsletter.
5. Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team – Joyce Troyer
- a. No meetings at this time.
  - b. All positions currently filled.
6. Community Life Commission – Herb Troyer
- a. Have reached out to persons who might have needs.
  - b. Things are quiet right now.
  - c. The Commission is open to any suggestions.
7. Administration Commission – Mike Wigginton
- a. No formal meetings – have been using email when items come up.
  - b. Taking care of many little odds and ends behind the scenes.
  - c. There was a question about families using the church building as a social place for families one at a time.
    - i. The Safely Gathering Committee was asked to give counsel how to make this a safe process.
    - ii. May try this.
    - iii. Will need to set up a schedule with a sign up.
    - iv. Community Life and Administration will work on this together.
    - v. Will need to keep a list of people using the building with dates for tracking.
  - d. Mike is monitoring the camera focused on the parking lot.
    - i. Lots of cars entering and leaving the lot.
    - ii. No suspicious activity noted.
8. Vision and Accountability Team – Jeanne Smucker
- a. The team has discussed and revised the Organizational Structure.
  - b. There was discussion about the Journeying Program.
    - i. Two people were identified as possible candidates for this program.
    - ii. IM Conference will provide some support to people in the program.
    - iii. Shalom may choose to help with the support also.
    - iv. Mentors would be needed for each person.
  - c. Pastoral Search
    - i. A person has been asked to candidate and has accepted.
    - ii. More may be able to be shared on Sunday.
    - iii. The person may be able to be with us virtually on February 21 or 28.
      - 1. Tell the faith journey during the SS hour.
      - 2. Give the sermon.

3. Have a question and answer time in the afternoon.
  - iv. Business meeting will be two weeks later with a vote.
  - v. This person would be able to come here in about 3 months.
  - vi. Jeanne will put more information in the newsletter when appropriate.
9. Organizational Structure
  - a. Discussion was held.
  - b. Several changes and additions to the commissions were requested.
  - c. Will plan for sharing with congregation at a later date.
10. Next meeting – March 2 at 6:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Martin