

Commission Chairs Team
August 23, 2021

Present: Jeanne Smucker, Martha Yoder Maust, Grace Rhine, Joyce Troyer, Herb Troyer, Mike Wigginton, Brad Yoder, Brian Bither, Craig Oury, Cheryl Martin, Brittany Bither

1. Open prayer – Craig Oury
2. Joys and concerns from everyone.
3. Discipling Commission – Martha Yoder Maust
 - a. Antiracism Audit
 - a.i. Discussion about which commissions should plan for this.
 - a.ii. Outreach and Discipling will take the lead.
 - a.iii. September 5 meeting – CoraLyn Turentine and Frank Kandel.
 - a.iv. September 12 meeting – Martha Yoder Maust.
 - a.v. Vote to approve will be 60% of persons voting.
 - a.vi. Will set up a mechanism for people to vote absentee. Plan to have people send email to Martha by 9:00 am on 9/12.
 - b. Sermons in October and November will be about Numbers and Wilma Bailey will teach a class paralleling this starting September 19.
 - c. There are no plans for children's Sunday school at this time.
4. Worship Commission – Grace Rhine
 - a. Brittany Bither will become the chair starting September 1
 - b. The commission met on Aug. 6 to plan for returning to Zoom services.
 - c. When it is safe to return to in-person meeting, a decision will need to be made about the format.
 - d. Sermons are in the planning stages for the next several months.
 - e. Craig Oury's installation service will be Sept. 26.
 - f. Communion will be Aug. 29 and again in early October.
 - g. Currently using no U-tube songs or videos due to copywrite.
 - h. Some songs in Voices Together require special permissions and have a cost attached to place on powerpoint, so that limits the songs available.
5. Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team – Joyce Troyer
 - a. Brittany Bither will be new chair for Worship Commission.
 - b. Frank Kandel will be vice-chair of VAT.
 - c. CoraLyn will be VAT congregational member for 1 year to finish Thad Wilson's term.
 - d. No 3-year congregational VAT member yet.
6. Community Life Commission – Herb Troyer
 - a. Will be having a meeting soon.
 - b. Helped plan for the tree planting and park dedication services.
 - c. A note will be placed in the newsletter about Small Groups.
 - d. Appreciation was expressed for the park dedication and naming.
7. Administration Commission – Mike Wigginton

- a. Also worked on the tree planting and park dedication services.
 - b. Are working with Craig Oury regarding transferring administrative duties as appropriate.
 - c. Was asked to add hand sanitizer to the list of supplies.
 - d. The Amigo's group has been cleaning but it is not known when they plan to worship in the building again.
 - e. Plans are being made about where to place the sign.
 - f. Thanks was extended to Brittany Bither for taking on extra duties.
 - g. A small red maple tree was planted in the area where the large oak tree was removed.
 - h. The church sign on Arlington street may need to be replaced.
 - i. Are planning to work with a sign company to replace the sign outside the church.
8. Outreach Commission – Brad Yoder
- a. Frank Kandel is moving off the commission.
 - b. Interfaith Power and Light had designated Shalom as a Cool Congregation and the sign will be placed in the foyer.
 - c. Arlington Woods Neighborhood group has a community cleanup scheduled for Sept. 18.
 - d. Bottle caps continue to be collected. There are probably enough for the toddler picnic table. It is difficult to process them currently.
 - e. \$250 was donated to Family Promise from Shalom
 - f. The Morning Star Church sent letters of appreciation for the help in replacing their refrigerators and freezers.
 - g. Indiana Assistance to Immigrants in Detention (Indiana AID)
 - g.i. Working on ways to set up virtual visits with detainees.
 - g.ii. It appears that Indiana will increase the number of detainees with a decrease in the numbers in Illinois.
 - g.iii. Some networking continues.
 - h. Social justice issues
 - h.i. Voter suppression and nullification.
 - h.ii. Gun violence.
 - h.iii. Faith in Indiana
 - h.iv. Aug 26 – Church Women United – meeting about gun violence at 7:00 pm.
 - h.v. Sept. 16 – another meeting about gun violence.
9. Vision and Accountability Team – Jeanne Smucker
- a. Craig and Brian are doing well at dividing up duties – will evaluate in October.
 - b. Deacons
 - b.i. Met with the deacons and there were varying responses.
 - b.ii. Recommend the deacons continue into the spring.
 - b.iii. Deacons will be asked if they want to continue or not.
 - b.iv. Congregation will be asked to opt out if they don't want to have a deacon assigned to them.
 - c. Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team

- c.i. Joyce Troyer will continue as chair.
 - c.ii. Raphael Edou will be replaced when they move to Washington, DC.
 - d. CoraLyn Turentine will replace Thad Wilson for 1 year.
- 10. Pastoral Team
 - a. Have determined it is necessary to redefine who is a congregational member as there have been many changes with virtual services.
 - b. Participated in the events of the past weekend.
 - b.i. Tim Bixler memorial service and tree planting.
 - b.ii. Dagne Assefa Memorial Park dedication.
- 11. Next meeting – October 5 at 6:00 pm on Zoom

Respectfully submitted,
Cheryl Martin