

## Commission Chair Meeting

August 20, 2019

Present: Jeanne Smucker, chair, Frank Kandel, Brad Yoder, Tim Ludden, Linda Showalter, Linda Kandel, Joyce Troyer

Jeanne opened the meeting with prayer.

**Martha Yoder Maust (Discipling)** was unable to attend due to car trouble but sent a report via text.

1. A 2-year-old class is being formed beginning in September.
2. Staffing for the nursery during the education hour will begin in September.
3. Suggested that Shalom begin discussion re: becoming a Welcoming Congregation. It is too large for one commission to lead; who would do it? [Brad Yoder said Outreach has also talked about it but thought it should wait until a new pastor comes on board.]

### **Brad Yoder (Outreach)**

1. Thankful that the solar panel decision passed.
  - a. Waiting on an addition \$14,000 before signing the contract, but hopeful it will come in soon. Monthly payments are a possibility for individuals rather than a lump sum on pledges. Installation can be done this fall.
2. Fall Festival – the commission didn't discuss it since Frank was unable to be at the meeting. It is scheduled for September 15, 5 – 7 pm.
3. The Indianapolis Police Dept held a "Fair and Impartial Policing" session which Brad and Carol & Sam Bixler attended.
4. Faith in Indiana – dealing specifically with Immigration issues and criminal justice, including gun violence.
  - a. Brad and Jeanne are part of a group trained to respond to people who are being questioned by ICE.
5. Congregants are urged to contact their senators (Todd Young and Michael Braun) re: Red Flag Law, which allows a judge to take guns away from possible violent perpetrators.
6. The commission is contacting persons who responded to the Opportunities for Service survey.
7. Discussion Shalom's restructure.
8. Thriving Thursdays ended earlier than scheduled due to lack of enough volunteers. There was a strong affirmation from the congregation to reaching out to the neighborhood kids.

### **Tim Ludden (Administration)**

1. The budget process will be beginning soon.
2. Zenebe Abebe will be the IN Mi delegate for 2020.
3. Sermon recordings will soon be available as podcasts. They are currently available on the website (thanks to Daniel Bowden). Podcasts will be easier to access and is a free service.

### **Linda Showalter (Worship)**

1. As always, many thanks and a lot of gratitude to the people who lead us in worship every Sunday!
2. Brittany Bither has asked to step down from her responsibilities on the commission.

3. Grace is working on the October – December schedule for participants.
4. The LUNA interpreting service has been cancelled due to lack of need. Equipment has been purchased, and interpreting will be in-house as needed.
5. Advent begins December 1.

**Linda Kandel (Community Life)**

1. Working on 2020 budget.
2. The commission has a meeting scheduled for August 27.
3. Attendee list – Outreach looks for visitors; CLC watches for persons who are absent more than 3 weeks in a row.
4. Retreat plans – November 2. The original speaker is unable to present, so the commission is looking for a theme/speaker.

**Joyce Troyer (Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team)**

1. A congregational representative for Vision & Accountability Team has been named.
2. The team is looking for a chair for the Worship Commission.
3. Should SGDT be looking at Shalom's vision statement?

**Jeanne (Vision & Accountability Team)**

1. The team recommends that no major revisions of the new structure be made until Brian is back from sabbatical. However, those changes need to be made before a new Handbook can be created.
2. Jeanne will chair the Pastoral Search since Brad Sommer has fulfilled his term as VAT chair.
3. Note to anyone sending emails to households where more than one person shares the address: If it is a confidential matter, it would be helpful to put "Confidential" in the subject line with the person's name to whom it is directed.

**Next meeting:** Tuesday, October 15, 6 pm