

Commission Chairs Team  
December 1, 2020  
6:00 PM

1. Opening prayer – Brian Bither
2. Worship Commission – Linda Showalter
  - a. There will be no Christmas Caroling this year.
  - b. A Christmas Eve service is being planned.
  - c. December 6 Sunday morning service will be with East Goshen Mennonite Church.
  - d. Joyce asked about a “Longest Night” service.
    - i. None is planned for this year.
    - ii. It might be helpful for those grieving.
    - iii. A time to pause and remember – “Blue Christmas”.
    - iv. There are usually readings with times to ponder and reflect.
    - v. Joyce is interested in leading but not organizing.
    - vi. Martha will contact Gary Martin to see if he can send a litany.
    - vii. Joyce will check with Bixlers for their input.
3. Discipling Commission – Martha Yoder Maust
  - a. The Baptism Class is ending this coming Saturday.
    - i. Several people may be interested in baptism.
  - b. Will be doing a Sunday school class for children kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.
    - i. Will be for 3 weeks in December to see how it may work.
    - ii. A decision will be made about a longer term commitment.
  - c. Carol Bither will lead 3 sessions in December on coping related to the pandemic.
  - d. The Bible Unwrapped – Emily and Tim Ludden will teach in January and February.
  - e. Jeanne Smucker requested materials for the 2-3 year olds.
4. Administration Commission – Mike Wigginton
  - a. The area where the sewer work was done more than a year ago was reseeded.
  - b. A camera was placed in the sanctuary and views the back parking lot and front circle area.
  - c. An abandon car in the parking lot was removed.
  - d. Trash in the church has been removed. No cleaning has been done for a while.
  - e. Iglesia Amigos is not currently meeting.
5. Spiritual Gifts Discernment Team – Joyce Troyer
  - a. No report.
6. Community Life Commission – Herb Troyer
  - a. No report.
7. Outreach Commission – Brad Yoder
  - a. November 17 – Sabrina Falls attended a meeting on racial justice.
    - i. Overcoming racism.
    - ii. “Community Safety for All”.
    - iii. The commission is investigating this further.

- b. Distributing extra funds.
  - i. Will be discussing this at the Budget meeting on Sunday.
  - ii. Natasha Diener is moving to Mexico and will not need funds.
  - iii. Barrels to Honduras – 6 sent instead of 4.
  - iv. Many people sent proposals.
  - v. Will place information about the changes in the newsletter this week,
- 8. Vision and Accountability Team – Jeanne Smucker
  - a. Continued work on the structure.
  - b. Updated policies to remove Pastor/Elder team and replace with appropriate group.
  - c. Added a policy as a mechanism to plan for spending excess funds.
    - i. New or emergency items will be sent to the Administration Commission as a proposal.
      - 1. Purpose.
      - 2. Amount.
      - 3. Supporting data.
    - ii. Administration Commission will place in the newsletter.
    - iii. It will be discussed and voted on after the benediction after worship.
- 9. Pastor Team – Brian Bither
  - a. Election Day Communion service was well received and widely appreciated.
  - b. Dan Miller – will be retiring from position as Conference Minister at the annual sessions.
  - c. There have been pastoral concerns.
  - d. Some people in the neighborhood have been seeking help from the church.
  - e. Indiana AID continues.
- 10. Next meeting – January 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Martin