

Membership Committee Minutes

September 2010

The Membership Committee met on Tuesday, September 7 at 7:00pm. Meeting was opened by prayer led by Marilyn Lees. Members in attendance included Max and Marilyn Lees, Vicki Games, Charlotte Castor, Sally Ward, Marcelle Tharp, Diane Sutton, Jean Sindors, Marcia Sadler and new member, Jerri Barnes.

OLD BUSINESS: 44 people attended Beef and Boards on September 1 to see "The Church Basement Ladies" and 35 people attended Victory Field in late July.

Game Night will resume on the third Wednesday of January. We will promote it as a specific game each month – bingo, bridge, euchre, etc. to see if we can increase participation.

Dinners for Nine will now be called Dinners for Friends to cut down on some of the confusion. Currently there are 8 couples and 2 singles signed up. We would like to have an additional 20 couples before we begin. Marilyn will ask Steve Willey to talk about it before the service this Sunday. Jerri Barnes and Vicki Games will meet in the Narthex following the service to answer questions and take names. Due to the amount of planning that is required for this event, the dinners will not begin until January/February.

Membership Committee has Fellowship table this coming Sunday, September 12 which is Grandparents Day. To honor all grandparents, the theme will be "The Apple of my Eye" and all desserts will contain apples. Marcelle Tharp will contact people and ask them to bring photos in frames of their grandchildren to put on a table in the Narthex.

NEW BUSINESS: Diamond Tour Group is offering a Chicago bus trip on May 3, 4, 5 for \$269.00/person. Price includes bus fare, 2 nights hotel lodging, cruise on Lake Michigan, Navy Pier, Art Museum admission, Sears Tower admission, dinner and entertainment on one night. Minimum is 35 people. Marilyn will give more detail of this trip next month and see if there is enough interest to offer for the membership.

Marilyn is working on finding out details on Pacers tickets, Wicked tickets, and Camelot tickets.

A canoe trip with White River Canoe Company is planned for Sunday, October 10. Vicki Games will co-ordinate this with Julie Moon and the youth but it will also be offered to the congregation as space allows. A note will be put in the bulletin on Sunday asking anyone interested to contact Vicki Games. Members will meet at White River Canoe Company on River Road and then be transported to Strawtown to launch canoes. Trip will take approximately 2-3 hours and will conclude back at the livery on River Road. Cost is \$21/person with a maximum of 30 people. We will continue to work to see if we can get a lower cost as a group rate. Those wishing to go will meet Vicki Games at the River Road location at 1pm to turn in money and waiver forms, get safety gear, and go over safety precautions. They will leave the livery at 2pm

to begin the trip. There is concern that the river may still be too low on that date, but there is no penalty to cancel the morning of the trip for any reason. An alternate activity may be offered in case trip is cancelled.

Committee discussed the possibility of an all church cookie exchange in early December. Concern was expressed that offering it as a church activity might make it too large. We will discuss it again in October.

UPCOMING DATES: (involving Membership Committee)

Saturday, Oct. 9: Bake Sale at Farmers Market – will be in bulletin this week, items need to be there by 8am, cookbooks will also be sold.

Sunday, Oct. 10: Canoe trip – meet at 1pm for 2pm departure

Wednesday, Oct. 20: Chicken and Noodle Dinner with Gospel Sing, 6pm. Members of the congregation will be assigned side dishes to bring. Committee will decorate Fellowship Hall in an Autumn theme.

Sunday, Oct. 24: Hymn Sing with Coppin Chapel and Bethel AME Church, 3pm. Peach Cobbler and ice cream will be available following the Hymn Sing. Freewill offering will be collected. Membership Committee will meet on Saturday, Oct. 23 to make cobbler and decorate.

NEXT MEETING: Monday, October 4 at 6:00pm