

# Community Life and Growth Board Meeting

Date: 07/08/14  
 Convener: Betty Hibler  
 Recorder: Betty Hibler  
 Members Present: Kevin Burke, Betty Hibler, Susie Ritchie, Rachel Small Stokes, Annriette Stolte,  
 Members Absent:

Guests Present:

	<u>Discussion</u>	<u>Action Needed</u>	<u>By Whom</u>	<u>Follow-up Date</u>
<b><u>Meditation</u></b>	Silent meditation upholding all victims of violence around the world.			
<b><u>Minutes</u></b>	Approved as distributed.			
<b><u>“Tracking” of Newcomers/New Members</u></b>	Rachel and Susie shared the list of those who have recently joined or expressed interest/attended a “Newcomers Meeting.” The May 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Meeting was our largest to date with 7 interested folks participating and the CL&G Bd. and pastors continue to be inspired as we listen to faith journeys. New members have joined on the 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each of the last 4 months – perhaps longer! Others are regular attendees at worship.	Continue to follow-up with visitors and those who attend the 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Meetings. Many thanks to Patti Smithson for many months/years of faithfully collecting the attendance sheets weekly and sharing information with CL&G, as well as entering it on CDM.	Susie and Rachel	Next Meeting
<b><u>Follow-up from previous meeting – to make contact</u></b>	Lorilyn Howie-Kipphut Jenny Hobson/Chris Green	Ask Carla Gilbert to follow-up Ask Kent Gilbert to follow-up	Kevin Rachel	ASAP
<b><u>WNL</u></b>	Following discussion, set the start date for WNL as the Wednesday following the week of Labor Day – that will be September 10. We will continue to invite M&S Board to schedule brief programs following the meal, sharing information on local, national, and international	Inform M&S Board and FD Board for coordination.	Betty	ASAP

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	programs that M&S Bd. supports on the congregation's behalf.			
<b><u>WNL Meals</u></b>	Would like to begin the new year borrowing the VBS model of having menus prepared (with food amounts needed) and soliciting two volunteers weekly to shop and prepare the meal, with coordination from CL&G. As winter comes on, plan to repeat the successful 3-soup strategy of last season.	Approach Shirley Carlberg about preparing up to 10 menus for fall. In August, recruit "cooks"	Betty  All	ASAP
<b><u>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Newcomers' Meeting</u></b>	These continue to be successful and awesome! The next meeting will be July 27.  Kevin will provide refreshments, as needed. Some items still in freezer (loaf of Alice's bread.) Annriette will bring pear jam!! Betty continues to set up classroom and pick-up the handouts from the office – many thanks to Joan for preparing these each month.	Board members attend if possible.	All  Kevin Annriette Betty	July 27
<b><u>Burger Bash/Pool Party June 12</u></b>	Reported to have been a huge success. Many thanks to Kevin for organizing and recruiting help, as the rest of the CL&G Board were traveling.	Huge THANK YOU to Kevin!!		
<b><u>Lemonade on the Porch</u></b>	Lemonade on the Porch is going smoothly, with Kevin seeing to the drinks and many volunteers providing the snacks each Sunday. Posting the sign-up sheet on the sanctuary bulletin board has worked very well.	Many thanks to all the volunteers.	All of us	Weekly!
<b><u>Other Summer Community-Building Events</u></b>	Want to plan a "young families" /"newcomers" gathering, at Kent's if possible, as was done last year	Find a date, check with Kent, list to invite	Rachel	ASAP

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<p><b><u>Community Needs</u></b></p>	<p>Rev. Rachel presented a number of areas for consideration for program development, some for groups, others more general:          “Spiritual Refugees”          Sexuality Education          Young Adult and College Student Groups          Neighborhood Groups – perhaps forming around a common interest rather than locality: e.g. service project, pot-lucks to get to know newcomers (such as previous “Nine to Dine” dinners), young families group, study group (Rachel suggested Brian McLaren’s “We Make the Road By Walking”)</p>	<p>More discussion/thought – involve Church Council, Faith Development, M&amp;S, etc.</p> <p>CL&amp;G not able to take this on in addition to regular community-building programs already on-going.</p>	<p>Church Council – other Boards</p>	<p>July Church Council Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>Progressive Churches website</u></b></p>	<p>Discussed Union Church accepting an invitation to be listed on a Progressive Christianity/churches website</p>	<p>Voted to spend \$75.00 for this listing for a year.</p>	<p>Rachel will follow-up</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b><u>“Gifts That We Bring” Survey</u></b></p>	<p>Discussed creating a version of the “Gifts That We Bring” brochure from the membership webinar, more appropriate to Union Church          (Delayed until later)</p>	<p>Work on a draft for the next meeting</p>	<p>Annriette and Betty will try again!!</p>	<p>Aug/Sep Meeting</p>
<p><b><u>New Member Bulletin Board</u></b></p>	<p>Create a bulletin board with photos and bios of new members, if they are willing.          (Delayed until later)</p>	<p>Ask Jan Hamilton and Joan Bates if they are willing</p>	<p>Betty – will try again.</p>	<p>ASAP</p>
<p><b><u>Next Meeting</u></b></p>	<p>August 12</p>			