

APRIL 14, 2016

MINUTES

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT MINISTRY TEAM

Present: Mary Esther Anderson, Chair; Pastor Don Hubbell, Barbara Jo Brown, Vice-Chair; Brian LeGrand, Pat Gibble, Secretary

Devotions: Mary Esther led devotions with a reading from our Lenten devotions book.

Business:

1. Fall Retreat October 28 – October 30, 2016.

Our retreat will have a family-marriage focus and it will be led by Ken and Carol Gordon. We are considering whether youth could be part of the retreat. Consultation with Garrett Page, our youth director will be needed to establish whether or not this could work. If so, we will need special programming for them. The church will pay half the cost for each individual attending the retreat, and each participant will be responsible for the other half of the cost. We could have scholarship money available if people want to attend and funds are a problem.

2. Peace Pole Ceremony May 1, 2016 Youth Sunday

We will be dedicating our new Peace Pole immediately following the worship service with a small ceremony outside, where the pole will be placed. A guest will be present from "On Earth Peace" to take part. Pastor Don and Brian LeGrand are planning to have the pole installed by that Sunday, in the spot outside the narthex we have selected. It will be visible from inside.

3. Prayer Wall -- Update from Brian and Pastor Don

The steel and the dolly wheels have been purchased. We need more stone. The wall will be fully assembled before placement in the sanctuary.

4. Men's Bible Study

The Bible Study Group began on Thursday, April 7 with a small group of participants.

5. Christmas Village

This will be discussed in May.

6. Consensus

We had a small discussion on using consensus as a way to decide on actions. We determined that we would continue to follow that method and to seek one mind about the things we do.

7. Renewal Team update

We have been asked to illuminate for the congregation about the effectiveness of fasting combined with prayer. Pat will take care of communicating with the congregation about this. It involves replacing what is abstained from , with time spent alone with God.

Next meeting May 12, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

Devotions by Pat