

Status of Active Visioning Committee Initiatives

Visioning Committee Goal – We need to continue ensuring that all new initiatives are in direct support of advancing Passionate Spirituality and/or Need-oriented Evangelism, as defined by the Natural Church Development Community.

Care Ministries Team – An article was placed in the February edition of the *Fish* explaining the goal of the Care Ministries Team and the need for volunteers to carry it out. A plea for volunteers was also made during the February 14 worship service. Future pitches will come in the form of additional announcements during worship service and possibly having volunteers give testimonies to the congregation about what they have done and the good feelings that they have received from doing it. Maybe people who were helped would even testify. Finally, Rich will submit a request for volunteers to be included in the web site.

Showing of Movie – We have sent payment for the license to show the movie. Ads have been placed in the Echo and the Shopper, and posters have been put up in Zup's, Northland Market, ACE Hardware, and the library. The number attending is hard to estimate. We have about 28 on the sign-up sheet, but the number of those coming from outside the church is unknown. We could get quite a few. Sara will get enough refreshments for at least 60. Containers that have been unopened can be returned. Dana and/or Bret will get the church windows shaded on the afternoon of the showing. Rich has determined a good place in the movie to break for intermission, and has reviewed hooking up and operating the projector. With the right patch cables we will be able to connect an external amplifier with built-in speakers, which will be supplied by Marshall.

Subsequent Study Group – Patty found materials for a 5-session follow-on study. During the movie intermission, Rich will poll the movie audience to determine interest. If we get at least 5 interested participants for each time period, we will offer meetings at 1:00 on successive Sunday afternoons and on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of having Sunday/Monday meetings would be to accommodate the schedules of participants; those sessions would be identical. The Easter Sunday/Monday time will be skipped. We will have different session leaders each week – first Patty and Gale, then Jan, followed by Keith. Currently we have no one for the fourth session, and Dana will do the last. Time is of the essence for ordering study materials. We would want them available right after the movie, since we would want to start the study sessions the following week, so Patty will order 20 of them immediately. If we must order more due to high attendance, we'll ask participants to share temporarily; if we have extras, they will be put to use in other ways. We hope to get Administrative Council approval for the expenditure, but if not approved there are members willing to donate money to cover the cost.

Children's Choir – Jan introduced the idea to have the children of the congregation sing once a month for the worship service. The children already know several songs from Sunday school, and the idea is to have them sing what they know rather than having rehearsals to learn new songs. The Committee is on board, and Jan will seek Sharon's participation as an accompanist.

Bring a Kid/friend to Church Month – Discussion of the Children's' Choir spawned an idea for having a "Bring a Kid to Church Month." It would potentially provide incentive for more parents and grandparents to attend service. The concept might also be expanded to a "Bring a Friend to Church Month." This will be discussed in further detail in coming meetings.

Our next meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 6, 2016.