

Connections Committee Meeting Minutes

Members present: Paula Mattila, Geri Fisher, Gail Haney, Don Ingerson, Kathy Nelson, Linda Haine, and Rich Floyd

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. and a scripture reading, Psalm 139: 7-10, was recited.

OLD BUSINESS

Review of Connections Responsibilities

The responsibilities were mentioned in passing. No changes were suggested.

Round-Robin Dinners (or other meals)

We received 14 sign-up cards with 23 interested in participating, 9 pairs and 5 singles. Groups were created by selecting cards randomly, with some adjustments subsequently made to level the group sizes to 6 participants. Initial hosts were selected from those who indicated their willingness to do so. Kathy volunteered to contact the hosts and to provide them the names of their fellow group members and with guidelines for holding the get-togethers. The hosts will then contact their group members and arrange for their first get-togethers. Kathy suggested asking groups to evaluate the process after the first run, which includes one get-together each month for the rest of September until Thanksgiving. We plan to run this initiative again for a 3-month period sometime between January and May, inclusive. Kathy is commended for leading this initiative as well as for doing most of the leg work.

Groups for the first run are as follow. New groups will be selected for the next run early next year.

Group 1: 6 people	Group 2: 5 people	Group 3: 6 people	Group 4: 6 people
Linda Hane Hosting	Gail Haney Hosting	Ann & Dave Olson Hosting	Dayle & Gary Felder Hosting
Susan & Curt Laine	Paula Mattila	Kathy & Steve Nelson	Jeanne & Jay Tomlinson
Marge Forsberg	Donna & Norm Rusco	Pam Kewley & Scott Meland	Gerry Fisher & Don Ingerson
Sue & Jim Peterson	Pam Ransom		

Food Shelf Assistance Initiative

This initiative was discussed briefly. We need more guidance for donations. Geri knows the food shelf manager well and will contact her to get the needed information. (Note: as of 9/12 this has already been accomplished. Thank you, Geri.)

NEW BUSINESS

Adjunct Members

Kathy suggested that we seek adjunct members whose jobs would be to oversee specific projects. These members would not need to attend the Connections Committee meetings. This is worthy of further consideration.

Expansion of Connections Committee

Linda suggested expanding the Connections Committee to city-wide participation. After the meeting, Linda clarified that she meant expanding the round-robin dinners to include college students. We might consider this once our church committee is well established.

ADJOURNMENT

Don Ingerson closed the meeting with a prayer, and we adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

Next Scheduled Meeting Date & Time – Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:30 PM