

Lodi UMC New W.I.N.E. (Welcome, Invite, Nurture: Evangelism) Committee Minutes
May 3, 2018 6:30 PM

Present: Laura Pfeffer (chair), Mary Ann Morack, Beckie Haugen, Diane Ebert, Kerrie Bahr, Shaun Atkinson, Susan Atkinson

Opening: Reading from article on reasons people go to church. The take away is that the sermon means more than things like music.

Minutes: Minutes from the April meeting were approved with minor corrections.

Survey report – There is no summary of responses to the survey from church. There were 87 responses. It is expected that the committee will have recommendations to present at the May Administrative Council meeting.

May Flower Sale – Darla has artwork and can design a flyer to give to everyone. Mary Ann Morack will make sure to follow up on this and will let Nada Ziemet know that that cashiers should give one to everyone.

Yoga – There is no further information on someone who could do this. Joyce Unke had an idea, but we do not know if this is a viable option. The idea of showing a video was discussed, but legally this is a violation of copyright. Mary Ann knows of a work out group and will see what they might recommend.

Birthday in a Box – Sign up sheets will be distributed to those in the backpack program this week. This will allow time for them to be returned before the summer break. This should give us an idea of how many boxes we might need to make. Sign ups should be returned by May 18th. Since this is a new idea we may get few responses and ramp up this fall when students return. Susan got birthday decorations at Dollar General. Beckie has boxes of an appropriate size. Mary Ann has birthday cards. The plan is to distribute boxes once a month. Hopefully we will get responses and be ready by August.

Cupcake decorating – Currently we are targeting holidays for cupcake parties. We would have some designs and frosting to teach people to do the designs or people could make their own designs with whatever was available. People would bring cupcakes to be decorated. Our first target might be Saturday mornings before Halloween and Christmas to start.

Care in the Community – Mary Ann plans to organize an event in August to invite Pastor Dan to explain the needs of the community and see if anyone is interested. Over the summer the volunteer form will be finalized.

Suzie the Duck Day – The Suzie the Duck parade is August 11th. The Attoes will be gone, but we can still use their flatbed. We will need to find people to hand out items along the parade route. We propose creating magnets to hand out. We will find out how many ducks we planned to hand out to know how many magnets to order. Darla should be able to do the artwork for this. Bob Westby can pull the flatbed with his truck. Beckie will help put together the signs for the float.

Susan Franklin should be asked to recruit people to hand out the magnets. We will need to ask Pastor Marge what the logistics of the float assembly are – do we gather at the church to put the signs up on Saturday morning? We need to collect up the Adopt-a-Highway vests and some hard-hats for the people doing distribution of magnets to wear.

National Night Out- National Night Out is Tuesday August 7th. We will need to obtain the form for a table this year.

Teacher gifts – We looked at several “Pinterest” ideas on simple teacher gifts. We thought that perhaps packs of “Extra” gum thanking teachers for going the “Extra”-mile might be a good idea. A useful gift might be hand-sanitizer for a “Hands-Down” great teacher.

Graduates – We would like to send cards on behalf of the church to congratulate High school graduates especially since we have a large graduating class this year. Diane Ebert will help organize the cards.

Bell Choir posters – We will plan to see that posters promoting the special bell choir this summer are placed in local businesses.

Next Meeting – August 2, 2018 at 6:30 PM. (We will plan to not meet in June or July)

Closing – Prayer from **response** magazine.

Laura Pfeffer (Acting Secretary)