

Attendees: Betty Bonds, Marge Burt, Pam Erbes, Wally Erbes, Katie Hankins, Helen Hiss, Robin Lybeck, Tom Lybeck, Marion Tolch, Rich Tucker, Stephen Weems, Evelyn Wentworth, Bev Willbanks

Opening prayer – The meeting was opened with prayer.

Schedules for July, August, September – Schedules for the next three months have been completed. Pam apologized for the delay in getting them out. It was also noted that a few people have had to discontinue service with the Welcome Ministry or take a break over the summer. This made it a bit of a stretch to get all the time slots covered (32 in months with four Sundays and 40 in months with five Sundays). Some people are scheduled twice in one month, as a result. Everyone was asked to think/pray about who they might invite to join us in service. Pam will call those entering into membership on August 15<sup>th</sup> to give them an invitation.

Pray over Bibles – We again thanked God for his provision of funds to purchase Bibles for our guests who need one. We gathered around the Welcome Center and Stephen offered a prayer to dedicate them.

Welcome 101/201 – The next Welcome 101 will be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. Steve Johnson and Marge Burt will assist. Stephen will let us know in September if he needs help in making follow-up calls.

Back-to-School service opportunities – There will be 2 ELC and 1 School function for new families. More information at the August meeting on what, if any, help is needed from the Welcome Ministry.

Expanding our reach:

- “What to Read in Time of Need” – Robin showed the group how the formatted bookmarks look. Marge and Stephen will proofread them, then we will finalize and print on brightly colored paper.
- Sermon CDs – It looks like a CD duplicator will cost approximately \$375. We currently have \$135 in funds available. We will discuss specific make, model and features at the next meeting. We also need to decide who will have the responsibility for duplication.

Community Fair – The group decided to do pretty much the same thing at the Welcome/Information booth as last year. It was concluded that we do not need to have a prize drawing. We will give away fresh apples to anyone who stops by and we will have a “treasure chest” for kids from which they may select a gift. Suggested gifts are: stickers, temporary tattoos, beads, miniature cars, etc. All were asked to be alert to any small gifts that could be purchased for the chest. People appreciated the maps of the Community Fair, so we want to distribute them again. Pam will try to find out if there are any other pieces of information or sign-ups that people want to have at our booth. If so, we should know ahead of time so we can be prepared to assist and answer questions. We will make assignments and finalize our plans to support the Community Fair at the August meeting.

Ideas/suggestions/concerns:

- Suggested that the people serving at the Welcome Center give a couple of guest bags to those serving at the Franklin Street entrance when they pick up their nametags.
- There have been a couple of comments about the music being too loud at the 2<sup>nd</sup> service. A young mother recently left after commenting that the music was too loud for her baby. Stephen will relay these comments to the worship staff.