

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Outreach Committee Meeting - Nov. 6, 2007

Opening Prayer

Devotions 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Richard VanderHorst offered to take minutes

Attending: Wendy Thorpe, Leanne Boyatzies, Dave Reville, Richard VanderHorst, Pastor Paul, Ed Huehn,

Absent: Kris Meyer, Amy Crosby, Lisa Foster, Neal Elli

Reviewed purpose of our committee by reviewing by laws

We reviewed the program for handing out water and pens at the Webster Firemen's Parade. The group thought the idea worked and decided to do it again next year. Ideas for playing organ music through the bell tower and possibly letting the handbell choir play before the parade were discussed.

We discussed how we might tie into the Webster Village Christmas event for this year. The discussion lead to the idea of a family Advent service as a possibility for next year.

We discussed ordering more pens to have on hand for members and visitors as an outreach tool. An order of 1000 pens was decided on.

We had a lengthy discussion about building community vs drawing in members and benefit if both.

We discussed what our next steps should be on the church brochure. It was decided to revisit were we are and go forward from that point.

We talked more about our 5 steps of christian development idea from April. The idea of presenting it at an adult sunday school class was discussed.

Could we use the bulletin or newsletter to invite people to start small groups in an area of interest to them? Outreach will offer support in helping groups get started.

We discussed multiple ideas around shirts and sweatshirts as a visibility tool.

We discussed involving youth in the committee. We also ask Richard to be in touch with the Sunday School to see about ways to encourage track and reward kids or classes for bringing visitors. Some people remembered a snowman that was filled in and at one time pictures were taken with visitors.

Pastor ask for the committee to host the New Member reception on Nov. 25 after the 11:00 am worship service. Richard and Leanne offered to help, others at the meeting were not available that Sunday. Anyone-else who can help talk to Richard or Leanne.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Next Meetings Dec. 4 @ 7:00 pm and Jan 8, 2008 @ 7:00 pm