

UU Big Flats Board Meeting

Sunday, 07/17/16, 9:30 am

Present: Gary, Carolyn, Jen, Ron, Jeni

Absent: Jackie, Janice

Carolyn began meeting with opening words at 9:37.

The June minutes were reviewed and approved. There is no Treasurer's report this month because bank forms need to be signed and submitted before Gary can access the accounts.

Goals for the Fellowship

Carolyn asked if there were any specific goals that board members had in mind. Jeni mentioned that we needed to spend the money in the welcoming grant. A motion was made to apply that money toward the front sidewalk, as it will be more welcoming to visitors in wheelchairs. The motion was approved. Ron will purchase a rainbow flag for both outdoor and indoor use, for approximately \$50. Carolyn would like us to make more use of social media. She suggested that every Thursday we could post something about the Sunday service. On Friday there could be a post about Children's Fellowship. There could be photos of children with faces blurred. Mondays could have a post about what happened on Sunday. The idea is to make the Facebook page more dynamic so people will look at it. Carolyn would also like to see the brush outside the fence be cut so that we are more visible from the highway. Gary will contact the D.O.T. to ask about this. We would love to attract new members and increase attendance.

Front sidewalk

Carolyn received a proposal to replace the front sidewalk from Brian Eldridge Masonry (607-259-6225) for \$1,000. Carolyn said that stamped concrete would be harder to clean and shovel. To have colored concrete would be an additional \$100, and we decided that it didn't really matter, and might clash with our existing colors. A motion was made to accept the proposal and the motion was approved.

Child Care/Children's Fellowship

The child care person we thought was interested is no longer interested. We will offer \$20 per Sunday, and authorize \$45 fee to advertise on Care.com. Gary will ask Janice to post the ad. Carolyn is available to interview candidates.

The RE (Religious Education) Program will now be called the Children's Fellowship Program, as it is a better description.

TV and computer

Gary will purchase a 50" TV and desktop computer when he has the bank forms submitted.

Board retreat

Carolyn will contact Darcey for details on the board retreat.

Rummage Sale

The rummage sale should take place on Saturday 8/20 at 9:00 am. Carolyn will contact the Quakers. We will probably only advertise on Craig's List and Facebook.

Advertising in Star Gazette.

Janice has tried to contact the Star Gazette about advertising our church but has not been successful.

Programming

Sept. 11 is welcome back and dish to pass. Jeni is working on the invitations to be sent. Homer Wilkins would like to speak in October, but he hasn't called back with a date. The dates scheduled for Darcey are:

10/16, 11/13, 1/15, 2/26, 4/19, 5/14 and 6/11.

Next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, 8/7/16 at 9:30 am.

Meeting closed at 10:27 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeni Paquette