

## Congregational Life Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008

In attendance: Patty Chamberlain, Nancy Hall Berens, Nancy Harper

An informal meeting was held (based on attendance). First item of discussion was a quick wrap-up of the June annual picnic. Patty had emailed all volunteers in June asking for feedback, and she received positive responses on the food, location, and general set-up. Although it is nice to have the picnic in the area by the playground, it was decided to keep the picnic inside. This alleviates weather problems (heat and/or rain) and helps a lot with set-up and tear down. Items that may need to be addressed for future picnics:

- Recruit more volunteers for set-up and clean-up (can't always rely on MOW and the Flying Solos group)
- Recruit dishwashers
- Create activity area for children
- Start the chicken earlier

Nancy Hall Berens next presented us with the Church's activity calendar. The congregational life committee has three events for the fall: Church Potluck, Blessings Brunch, and Christmas Pageant and All Church Dinner.

Church Potluck: We will set up tables and chairs similar to the June picnic. Patty will give Jim Buchanan set up and instructions for Eddie and Marvin. It was decided that we will use cloth tablecloths, china, paper napkins, and paper cups. Nancy McIver will help with centerpieces. We need volunteers for set-up, cleanup, and food exchange.

We need to have a welcome table with nametags and a donation "bucket." Because all proceeds will go to Alive for their new playground, it was suggested to create the donation's bucket with a playground theme. It was also suggested that we try to have a rendering of the playground on display.

For the program, we will ask Priscilla Goodwin to contact Alive to have a representative at the dinner give a brief thank you. The "bucket" will then be passed among the tables. After, David Werner will present "The Lighter Side of the Election 2008." Children will have child care to go to, we need to have two rooms available. Patty will ask Barbara Rawlings and Shawn to help. Nancy HB will check with David as to what age is appropriate for kids to stay and listen.

Blessings Brunch: Nancy HB will check with Frank Fraser as to how the CL committee can help.

Christmas Dinner: We will begin discussion with Elizabeth O'Brien.

Final notes: We need to check with Larry to see if he and Jack Moline plan to continue their open discussion in January. If so, we need to investigate having kosher snacks.

Nancy HB updated us on the new church office hours: 8:30 -6:00. We also did a quick review of the CL budget and we need to remember that the kitchen budget is gone. Nancy also reminded us that each group needs to let Nedra and Susan know if they need kitchen supplies.

Nancy HB closed the meeting with a Celtic devotional.