

TRUU Board Meeting, Nov. 9, 2010

The meeting was held at the River Valley Ranch clubhouse.

Present were Sue Coyle, Kathy Feinsinger, Trina Haines, Thelma Zabel, Mike Schermer and Joanne Clements. Absent was Bill Spence.

The meeting was called to order by Board Vice-president Kathy Feinsinger, and the minutes of the last meeting were approved.

There was no Treasurer's report for this meeting.

Following a brief discussion, it was decided that there would be no "Fourth Sunday" discussion groups for the months of November and December, due to holidays and the travel plans of many members.

Bill Spence and Herb Feinzig are working on a set of revised bylaws.

On the topic of "bring a friend to church," Mike suggested we should commit once every three months to bring a friend. Thelma suggested we make it a joint New Year's resolution. The Board decided to make Dec. 19 the first "friend" day. Thelma will contact Gretchen Haley about this idea, and Mike will create an email.

The next topic was goals for the rest of the church year, and it was noted that the deadline for a Chalice Lighter grant is Dec. 1.

The Board agreed that the number one goal is to increase attendance and membership. It was noted that we should encourage children to "bring a friend" as well as their parents. Kathy suggested that a second goal would be a better place to hold services.

The Board members held a lengthy discussion regarding whether or not to require a minimum pledge for church members. Thelma suggested that each new membership folder include information about what each service costs TRUU per member. It was noted that members should be made aware of each Sunday service costs in terms of music, ministry, room rental, etc.

Following this discussion, Mike moved that TRUU *not* have a required minimum pledge amount in order to be a member. Trina seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. Board members all agreed that it is important for members to be fully informed about the cost of their membership to TRUU.

Thelma said we need greeters for Nov. 14 and 21. Mike said the "joys and concerns" aspect of the service was very important to some people. After discussing the pros and cons, the Board decided to leave this activity unchanged for now.

Thelma said at some point we should submit a questionnaire to get feedback from church attendees.

R.E.: Joanne would like to have specifics about the Children's R.E. program on the TRUU web site.

Social Justice: The Guest at Your Table program will be started on Dec. 12, and the contribution boxes will be collected on Jan. 9.

Extended Table will be Nov. 29, and volunteers are needed to help that afternoon.

Sue Coyle said a benefit for Childhelp River Bridge will be held Nov. 27 and 28.

Circle suppers: No circle suppers for November or December. The program will start again in January.

Trina said there is still no chair of the Caring Committee.

Mike will send Connie Calaway an ecard from the Board. Connie was injured in a bike accident.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Coyle, Secretary