

Partners In Ministry Report – January 2005

The Partners In Ministry Teams have undergone transition this past year both in leadership and membership. As we reflect, let us benefit from the love and energy of all who have given of their time, talent and blessings.

Organizational:

- PIM Meetings with Team Leaders including all Support Teams and a Board Representative. We will continue some of the current successful practices and guidelines for team operation.
- Locate and share the video "Fish Sticks" with PIM Team and Support Leaders to help build team morale. Share with Board after viewing.
- Brainstorm other possible uses of the video (use with team members, the congregation, etc.)
- Individual Team Meetings to complete team information and establish procedures, etc.
- Update brochures.
- Have PIM brochures available to enhance volunteering.
- Complete a Spiritual Inventory discovering your talents.
- Complete all Teams with energetic and cooperative Leaders, Members and Substitutes.

Activities:

Saturday of Service

- Determine if ***The Second Saturday*** of every month from approximately 8:30 – 12:00 continues to serve as the best time for those interested in beatifying our grounds and maintaining the building.
- Lori Lamothe was creator and one of the coordinators of this project.
- As the project evolved, people found that "adopting" a specific area of the grounds (e.g. - rose garden, trees & bushes) allowed more flexibility in scheduling as people knew in advance where their contribution could be made.
- Maintenance needs inside the building were listed on the bulletin board. Someone with the knowledge and time available on one of these Saturdays could take care of those building needs as time allowed.

Projected Plans for 2005- Continue Second Saturday of Service

Ken Smith & Marcia Fellows - Grounds Team Leaders

Jim Lamothe – Maintenance Team Leader

Angel Network

Team Leader-Joy Chapman

- The vision for this new team remains infinite as each team member brings their own gifts and desire to serve.
- We have members who wish to reach out by way of cards and letters, personal visits and calls. The reasons for contact vary (e.g. - someone we miss seeing in church, someone ill or experiencing some kind of loss or need).
- We have someone who wants to minister on a personal basis.
- This team includes offering someone travel assistance or bringing in a meal.
- We have a bulletin board just outside the Fellowship Hall with names and addresses of congregants who would appreciate a card or a note.
- Linda Whittemore has become our Care & Connections link. If you know someone in need let her know or call the office.
- If you have an idea or would like to join this team, contact Joy.

Recirculation/Garage Sale

- We generated approximately \$1,200.00 last year which is sizably less than the first year's gross profits of \$2,000.00 before expenses. Timing of the sale and commitment of staffing needs to be considered before a decision is made to have a sale again this year.

Handmade Christmas Cards

- One Saturday in November, Lesley Menhart organized a play shop teaching approximately a dozen congregants card making techniques. 250 cards were placed in bundles of 10 selling for \$5.00 each.

Festival

- Our lack of participation in Festival last year was due to a number of factors. Let us not forget that we were informed that a commitment of 90 people to run the booths was required. Sign up sheets were made available and far less than that number responded. We could engage in a host of speculation, but that would be counterproductive.
- I spoke with Toni Edson, the PIM Coordinator from the Church of Peace. Due to our lack of participation last year, no guarantees exist that we could be granted a booth this year.
- If we are interested in pursuing this, we need a volunteer to head this committee as this requires many hours and much hard work. We, as a church, must be willing to make a commitment. This begins with someone stepping into the role of leadership.

Fund Raising Team

Morty Abish-Team Leader

- This new team will investigate the possibilities of businesses assisting the church by making tax free contributions in the form of gifts. By securing these donations we create greater financial security.
- The copier becomes the first assignment as UCPC remains in great need of a replacement. Once the specifics are provided, Morty will begin his search. The furnace has been identified as another maintenance issue requiring attention.

Renaissance Fair - Proposed

- Rent out tables in the Fellowship Hall for people to share their talents and abilities (e.g. - card making, selling music CDs, face painting, art, carving, silhouettes, etc.)
- Have booths set up outside for people who have activities appropriate for outdoor fun. We could rent space to individuals who have a business interest or create fun activities (e.g. - sing a longs, hula hoops, homemade ice cream, etc.)
- Create a committee to determine the interest and feasibility of such an endeavor.

Musical Entertainment- Proposed

- Bryan Whittemore has expressed an interest in exploring the possibility of UCPC hosting musical events similar to the *Java Jive*. This project would provide people entertainment, provide musicians an opportunity to share their talents and spread joy, allow the building to be used on a more regular basis and generate additional revenue for the church.
- This idea is only in its beginning stages and would require an extensive amount of energy and time. As a church community, our support could make a tremendous difference.

With the support and enthusiasm of such dedicated leaders and team members, we create an interdependent system foundational to the efficient, but heartfelt operation of this spiritual community.

Submitted by Marsha Mason

